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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1968

Selectmen

Glenn T. Brown	Term expires 1969
James H. Cromack	Term expires 1970
Sanford W. Hager	Term expires 1971

Town Clerk

Jeanette I. Tetreault	Term expires 1971

Town Treasurer

Jeanette I. Tetreault	Term expires 1971

Assessors

Robert B. Goodell	Term expires 1970
Richard M. Cromack	Term expires 1971
Raymond L. Roberts	Term expires 1969

Tax Collector

Ralph R. Joy	Term expires 1969

School Committee

John G. Hollister	Term expires 1969
Herbert G. Purington	Term expires 1970
Clinton E. Gray	Term expires 1971

Mohawk Regional School District

Edwin A. Slowinski	Term expires 1969
Russell C. Denison	Term expires 1970

Vocational School Committee

Kenneth W. Avery	Term expires 1969

Moderator

Elmer Stacy	Term expires 1971

Library Trustees

Earle A. Lowell	Term expires 1969
Louise B. O'Brien	Term expires 1969
Herbert H. Saunders	Term expires 1970
Audrey R. Brown	Term expires 1970
Rolland W. Gifford, Jr.	Term expires 1971
Beulah M. Gammell	Term expires 1971

Tree Warden

Archie Worden, Sr.	Term expires 1969

Auditor

Sarah W. Coombs	Term expires 1969

Constables

Osdin R. Lynde	Term expires 1971
Earl F. Duprey	Term expires 1971
Russell C. Denison	Term expires 1971

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1968

(all terms expire in February 1969)

Chairman of Selectmen	Glenn T. Brown
Clerk of Board of Selectmen	James H. Cromack
Clerk to Board of Selectmen	Jeanette I. Tetreault
Pound Keeper	Lawrence J. Lively
Dog Officer	Osdin R. Lynde
Agent, Board of Health	Dr. John H. Olson
Chief of Police	Earl F. Duprey
Welfare District Representative	Glenn T. Brown
Supt. of Roads	Archie Worden, Jr.
Fire Chief	Clinton E. Gray
Veterans Agent Representative	Sanford W. Hager
Veterans Agent	Clement Record
Measurer of Wood	Clifford C. Carey
Chairman of Board of Health	Glenn T. Brown
Special Police	Sanford W. Hager
	Glenn T. Brown
	James H. Cromack
Cemetery Commissioner for three years	Carl Worden
Fence Viewers	Sanford W. Hager
	William H. Ryan
	Alphonse E. Lively
Field Driver	Russell E. Coombs

TOWN WARRANT

FRANKLIN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Colrain in the County of Franklin, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Memorial Hall in said Town on Monday the 3rd day of February next, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year: One Selectman for three years, One Assessor for three years, One Buckland, Colrain, Shelburne Regional School member for three years, One Mohawk Trail Regional School District member for three years, Two Library Trustees for three years, One Library Trustee for two years, One Tax Collector for three years, One Moderator for two years, One Auditor for one year and One Tree Warden for three years.

Polls will open for election from 12:00 noon to 7:00 P.M. and Town Meeting to be held at 8:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the reports of various Town Officers and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to make the following appropriations and raise by taxation the required amounts or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(These amounts have been recommended by the Finance Committee)

Sec.	1.	Bridges	$ 700.00
Sec.	2.	Railings	200.00
Sec.	3.	Street Lights	1,100.00
Sec.	4.	Mohawk Trail Regional School Operating Budget	140,606.74
Sec.	5.	Vocational Education	2,110.45
Sec.	6.	Buckland, Colrain, Shelburne Regional School District	104,151.00

Sec. 7.	School Loan and Interest	7,280.00
Sec. 8.	Soldiers' Benefits	6,500.00
Sec. 9	Well Child Conference	350.00
Sec. 10.	Board of Health	100.00
Sec. 11.	Agent, Board of Health	75.00
Sec. 12.	Incidentals	1,000.00
Sec. 13.	Town Reports and Ballots	750.00
Sec. 14.	Office Expense	1,300.00
Sec. 15.	Surety Bonds	265.00
Sec. 16.	Memorial Day	125.00
Sec. 17.	Library	1,900.00
Sec. 18.	Workmen's Compensation and Liability	2,200.00
Sec. 19.	Treatment of Dog Bites as required by law	50.00
Sec. 21.	Tree Disease Control	500.00
Sec. 20.	Care of Public Dump	1,000.00
Sec. 22.	Collector's Expense on Tax Titles	25.00
Sec. 23.	Chandler Hill Cemetery and Church Lot	50.00
Sec. 24.	Christian Hill Cemetery	35.00
Sec. 25.	Town Lots — Branch Cemetery	75.00
Sec. 26.	Fire Protection	800.00
Sec. 27.	Fire Pumper Maintenance and Equipment	2,000.00
Sec. 28.	Fire Chief	200.00
Sec. 29.	Selectmen	1,450.00
Sec. 30.	Assessors and Assessors' Clerk	1,350.00
Sec. 31.	Town Clerk	750.00
Sec. 32.	Town Treasurer	850.00
Sec. 33.	Tax Collector	600.00
Sec. 34.	Constables	300.00
Sec. 35.	Tree Warden	25.00
Sec. 36.	Moderator	25.00
Sec. 37.	All Other Town Officers	1,200.00
Sec. 38.	Winter Roads	11,000.00
Sec. 39.	Machinery Maintenance	5,330.00
Sec. 40.	Insurance and Registration of Trucks and Tractors	600.00
Sec. 41.	Insurance on Old Town Buildings	36.00
Sec. 42.	Insurance on Seals and Scales	36.00
Sec. 43.	Maintenance of Town Office & Garage	2,500.00
Sec. 44.	Paid Vacation, Full Time Highway Employees	1,100.00

Sec. 45.	Six Paid Holidays, Full Time Highway Employees	700.00
Sec. 46.	Memorial Hall	400.00

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto. *Recommended*

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from #616 money in the Treasury or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Construction or take any action in relation thereto. *Recommended*

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.
Recommended

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the Financial Year beginning January 1, within a year and to renew any note or notes that may be given for a period of less than a year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. *Recommended*

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Dog Fund the sum of $379.74 to the Griswold Memorial Library, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. *Recommended*

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $5,904.00 from the 1968 Machinery Earnings to the Machinery Maintenance appropriation or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.
Recommended

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Assessors' Overlay Reserve Fund the sum of $2,000.00 for the Reserve Fund or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. *Recommended*

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of any Town used equpiment or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Recommended

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will appropriate from the Treasury the sum of $500.00 to be used for the Library, and when reimbursement is received from the State this amount of $500.00 be restored to the Treasury, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Recommended

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00 for police department equipment or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Recommended

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 for Police Fund or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Recommended

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $29,600.63 and in addition the sum of $1,000.00 be transferred from the Quintus Allen Fund to be used for the Capital Budget of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. *Recommended*

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury any sum or sums of money for the purpose of reducing the 1969 Tax Rate, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Recommended

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 from Assessors Overlay Reserve Fund to the Stabilization Fund or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. *Recommended*

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for land taking on property owned by James H. Cromack or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. *Recommended*

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 for land taking on property owned by Carl H. & Harriet M. Worden, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. *Recommended*

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $250.00 for land taking on property owned by Richard M. & Carolyn B. Cromack or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. *Recommended*

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to have the Old Town Building razed or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. *By petition*

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept a By-Law establishing zoning regulations according to the following sections:—

SECTION I The purpose of these regulations shall be to promote the welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Colrain, to conserve the value of lands and buildings, to encourage the appropriate use of land throughout the Town and to preserve and increase its amenities all in accord with the General Laws, Tercentenary Edition of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 40 A, Sections 1 through 82 inclusive, and any amendments thereof, known as the Zoning-Enabling Act 1-2.

SECTION II No dwelling may be constructed on a lot of less than two (2) acres, and or less frontage than two-hundred (200) feet.

SECTION III All dwellings, new as well as existing must conform to the sanitary, safety and anti-polution codes of the Commonwealth.

SECTION IV Trailers and other mobile or portable structures designed or used for dwelling purposes shall not be kept within the boundaries of the Town, unless they are in bonafide storage and are not being used for dwelling purposes, or unless they are being used as temporary camping shelters.

SECTION V With the exception of Article III, none of the above articles are to be construed as retro-active, so that a sub-standard or illegal dwelling already standing may continue to be inhabited providing that it conforms to

the sanitary, safety and anti-polution codes of the Commonwealth. A sub-standard or illegal dwelling, however, may not be replaced by another sub-standard or illegal dwelling.

SECTION VI No variance to these Zoning By-Laws may be granted which might in any way be detrimental to the general welfare as set forth in Section I.

SECTION VII Enforcement of this By-Law shall be the responsibility of an individual appointed annually by the Board of Selectmen of the Town.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at Four Usual Places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meetings, as aforesaid. Given under our hands this 10th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine.

GLENN T. BROWN

JAMES H. CROMACK

SANFORD W. HAGER

A true copy. Attest:

EARL F. DUPREY, Constable

(Please bring your Town Report to the meeting on February 3, 1969)

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The majority of the Finance Committee feels the urgency of the problem discussed in its 1968 report. A meeting in November specifically inviting the public to participate demonstrated that we are not alone in concern over a qualitative erosion of our community.

To put it candidly, zoning is an effort by the majority to protect itself from a very small minority. One single undesirable addition, either commercial or domestic, can measurably down-grade an entire community. It is this from which we seek protection.

Zoning is not an attempt to restrict personal freedom. This statement assumes, of course, that no one claims his personal freedom includes his rights to damage others. Seen from this point of view it is difficult to understand much opposition to zoning. The only difficult — but not insoluable — problem is the wording of a fair By-Law.

Such a tentative By-Law is printed in our 1969 Warrant as a Special Article, placed there by the petition of an independent group of citizens. We suggest that you study its several sections with the idea in mind of bringing with you prepared alterations or amendments so that this Special Article may be used as a frame work. In the bright light of an Annual Town Meeting we might, by deletions and additions hammer out an acceptable and desirable statute.

General experience has demonstrated that passage of a fair zoning law invariably increases the value of every piece of property in a town.

Respectfully submitted,

MARSHALL K. FAIRBANKS
MYRON N. FISH
HOWARD W. GOOLEY, JR.
ALBERT L. HAGER
ROBLEY D. SNIVELY,
Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S BUDGET — 1969

Item No.	Appropriated 1968		Recommended 1969
		3.39% — GENERAL GOVERNMENT — 3.12%	
1.		Town Officers	
	$ 25.	Moderator	$ 25.
	1,450.	Selectmen	1,450.
	850.	Treasurer	850.
	600.	Tax Collector	600.
	1,200.	Assessors	1,200.
	300.	Assessors' Clerk	300.
	750.	Town Clerk	750.
	1,050.	All other Town Officers	1,050.
2.	2,500.	Town Office and Garage Maint.	2,500.
3.	1,100.	Town Office Expense	1,300.
4.	1,000.	Incidentals	1,000.
5.	36.	Insurance on Town Buildings	36.
	$ 10,861.	TOTAL, General Government	$ 11,061.
		PROTECTION OF PERSONS 1.08% — AND PROPERTY — 1.77%	
6.	300.	Constables	300.
7.	200.	Constable's Equipment (Special Art.)	300.
8.	0.	Police Department (Special Art.)	2,000.
9.	800.	Fire Protection	800.
10.	1,400.	Fire Equipment & Maint.	2,000.
11.	200.	Fire Chief	200.
12.	25.	Tree Warden	25.
13.	500.	Tree Disease Control	500.
14.	50.	Treatment of Dog Bites	50.
	$ 3,475.	TOTAL, Protection	$ 6,175.
		.29% — HEALTH AND SANITATION — .44%	
15.	175.	Board of Health	175.
16.	350.	Well Child Conference	350.
17.	400.	Care of Dump	1,000.
	$ 925.	TOTAL, Health & Sanitation	$ 1,525.

8.21% — HIGHWAYS — 9.02%

18.	4,300.	Chapter #81	4,300.
19.	3,776.29	Chapter #90 Construction	4,376.29
20.	2,000.	Chapter #90 Maintenance	2,000.
21.	11,000.	Winter Roads	11,000.
22.	900.	Bridges & Railings	900.
23.	1,000.	Machinery Maintenance	5,330.
24.	1,100.	Street Lights	1,100.
25.	600.	Insurance on Trucks & Tractors	600.
26.	1,000.	Highway Employees' Vacation	1,100.
27.	600.	Highway Employees' Holiday	700.
	$ 26,276.29	TOTAL, Highways	$ 31,406.29

1.53% — SOLDIERS' BENEFITS — 1.86%

28.	5,000.	Soldiers' Benefits	6,500.

71.54% — SCHOOLS — 70.95%

29.	128.180.	Mohawk-Regional Budget	140,606.74
30.	98,252.	Buckland-Colrain-Shelburne Budget	104.151.
31.	2,500.	Vocational Budget	2,110.45
	$228.932.	TOTAL, Schools	$246.868.19

.47% — LIBRARY — .54%

32.	1,500.	Library	1,900.

.84% — UNCLASSIFIED — 1.09%

33.	750.	Town Reports & Ballots	750.
34.	125.	Memorial Day	125.
35.	1,500.	Workman's Compensation	2,200.
36.	250.	Surety Bonds	265.
37.	25.	Collector's Expense on Tax Titles	25.
38.	36.	Insurance on Seals & Scales	36.
39.	0.	Memorial Hall	400.
	$ 2,686.	TOTAL, Unclassified	$ 3,801.

.05% — CEMETERIES — .05%

40.	160.	Expenses	160.

10.20% — MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST — 10.60%

41.	7,420.	School Loan & Interest	7,280.
42.	25,218.32	Mohawk Regional Capital Budget	29,600.63
	$ 32,638.32	TOTAL, Maturing Debt & Interest	$ 36,880.63

.48% — SPECIAL ARTICLES — .47%

		Land Taking on North River Road	1,650.
	$318,751.57	TOTAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS	$347,927.11

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Board of Selectmen organized as follows at their first meeting: Glenn T. Brown, Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Board of Public Health; James H. Cromack, Clerk of the Board; Sanford W. Hager, third member and representative to the Veterans' Service.

Progress has continued on Chapter 90 work on Jacksonville Road. This year approximately three quarters of a mile was completed. Work layouts and land takings have been resolved bringing this work project to the North River Bridge.

Members of the Board of Health have had many discussions in the past few years about the problems concerning the town dump. A rodent control program was carried out and it proved to be of a great help but eliminated only part of the nuisance. In the spring of 1969 we are moved to initiate a new program of maintaining the dump. A modified land fill type of dump was agreed upon.

The reports of the individual departments will provide a more detailed account of happenings and accomplishments within the town.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Elmer Stacy for his faithful and dedicated service as Town Moderator. Mr. Stacy has served in this capacity for twenty-seven continuous years.

We are sure that in 1969 this office shall again be confronted with many unresolved problems and we solicit the cooperation and understanding of our townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN T. BROWN

JAMES H. CROMACK

SANFORD W. HAGER

Board of Selectmen

CHAPTER #81

Town Aprropriation		$ 4,300.00
State & County Contracts		23,650.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		.06
Archie Worden, Jr., Supt.	$ 2,309.40	
Edwin Joy, Grader Operator	2,618.80	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	3,007.40	
Brian Lynde, Truck Driver	2,270.00	
Clyde Boyd, Laborer	1,806.00	
Rodney Kimberley, Laborer	461.70	
Edward Lively, Truck Driver	22.00	
Harold Brigham, Truck Driver	42.55	
Peter Fairbanks, Laborer	26.60	
Rudolph Herzig, Laborer	551.00	
Brian Gooley, Laborer	161.50	
Richard Stone, Laborer	454.10	
Walter Boyd, Laborer	956.25	
William Pollard, Laborer	387.60	
Michael Purington, Laborer	94.50	
Clinton Stafford, Equipment & Material	4,321.90	
Robert Goodell, Equipment	585.00	
Colrain Machinery	3,925.50	
Francis Sullivan, Gravel	35.80	
Cleon Peters, Gravel	49.60	
Northeastern Culvert Co., Culverts	1,005.23	
All States Asphalt Inc., Tar	250.00	
John Hudson, Tar	365.96	
Chemical Corp., Salt	626.12	
Trew Corp., Patch	690.75	
Clarence Paye, Gravel	157.60	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel Co., Materials	767.20	
Expended		$ 27,950.06

CHAPTER #90 MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriation		$ 2,000.00
Transferred from Treasury		4,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		.06
Archie Worden, Jr., Supt.	$ 330.60	
Edwin Joy, Grader Operator	21.25	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	516.00	
Brian Lynde, Truck Driver	249.60	
Lawrence Dumas, Truck Driver	21.60	
Clyde Boyd, Laborer	430.00	
Rodney Kimberley, Laborer	81.70	
Rudolph Herzig, Laborer	176.30	

Richard Stone, Laborer	83.60	
Brian Gooley, Laborer	24.70	
Walter Boyd, Laborer	269.40	
William Pollard, Laborer	100.70	
Clinton Stafford, Equipment & Material	755.50	
Robert Goodell, Equipment	175.50	
Colrain Machinery	318.00	
Mohawk Building Center, Cement	11.25	
John J. Hudson, Tar	375.00	
All State Asphalt Inc., Tar	468.69	
Trew Corp., Patch	403.99	
I. Kramer & Sons, Materials	20.40	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel Co., Materials	977.28	
Expended		$ 6,000.06

CHAPTER #90 CONSTRUCTION (1967)

Carried Forward Jan. 1, 1968		$ 4,701.48
Transferred Reserve Fund		.03
Archie Worden, Jr., Supt.	$ 456.00	
Edwin Joy, Grader Operator	191.10	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	98.40	
Brian Lynde, Truck Driver	199.20	
Clyde Boyd, Laborer	82.00	
Rodney Kimberley, Laborer	161.50	
Rudolph Herzig, Laborer	73.10	
Walter Boyd, Laborer	73.10	
Clinton Stafford, Equipment & Material	2,143.75	
Robert Goodell, Equipment	110.50	
Colrain Machinery	314.00	
Fred Ringwood, Gravel	20.00	
Alexander Ryan, Posts	36.00	
Chemical Corp., Salt	251.71	
New England Metal Culvert Co., Culverts	234.49	
Clarence Paye, Gravel	17.70	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel Co., Materials	238.96	
Expended		$ 4,701.51

CHAPTER #90 CONSTRUCTION (1968)

Town Appropriation		$ 3,776.27
Chapter #679		.02
Chapter #616		5,223.71
Transferred from Treasury		27,000.00
Archie Worden, Jr., Supt.	$ 1,519.05	

Edwin Joy, Grader Operator	1,095.15	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	444.00	
Brian Lynde, Truck Driver	1,161.60	
Lawrence Dumas, Truck Driver	29.40	
Osdin Lynde, Police Duty	737.20	
Clyde Boyd, Laborer	924.00	
Peter Fairbanks, Laborer	98.80	
Rodney Kimberley, Laborer	606.10	
Rudolph Herzig, Laborer	176.70	
Richard Stone, Laborer	121.60	
Brian Gooley, Laborer	104.50	
Walter Boyd, Laborer	188.10	
William Pollard, Laborer	117.80	
Lewis Bailey, Laborer	227.25	
Clinton Stafford, Equipment & Materials	14,532.75	
Robert Goodell, Equipment	2,268.50	
Earl Drew, Equipment	2,942.00	
Ormond, Whipple & Ormand, Equipment	46.00	
Colrain Machinery	2,396.50	
Frederick Ringwood, Gravel	31.00	
Mohawk Building Center, Materials	56.00	
Lake Asphalt & Petroleum Co., Materials	668.20	
Greenfield Farmers Exchange, Materials	617.90	
Dean Co., Inc., Tar	1,728.05	
Agway, Cement	14.80	
Mackins, Sand	38.95	
Ormand, Whipple & Ormand, Materials	5.75	
Clarence Paye, Gravel	1,525.00	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel Co., Sand	753.73	
Alexander Ryan, Posts	72.00	
Expended		$ 35,248.38
Unexpended		751.62

WINTER ROADS

Town Appropriation		$ 11,000.00
Archie Worden, Jr., Supt.	$ 1,226.97	
Edwin Joy, Grader Operator	1,296.20	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	1,333.60	
Brian Lynde, Truck Driver	1,247.00	
Lawrence Dumas, Truck Driver	25.20	
Edward Lively, Truck Driver	107.40	
Harold Brigham, Truck Driver	194.55	
Clyde Boyd, Laborer	832.50	

Clinton Stafford, Equipment & Materials	3,327.60	
Robert Goodell, Equipment	403.00	
Chemical Corp., Salt	989.69	
Expended		$ 10,983.71
Unexpended		16.29

BRIDGES

Town Appropriation		$ 700.00
Special Town Meeting		350.00
Archie Worden, Jr., Supt.	$ 5.70	
Edwin Joy, Grader Operator	22.05	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	62.40	
Brian Lynde, Truck Driver	48.00	
Clyde Boyd, Laborer	52.00	
Lyle Hall, Lumber	836.11	
C. A. Denison Lumber Co., Inc., Lumber	20.84	
Expended		$ 1,047.10
Unexpended		2.90

RAILINGS

Town Appropriation		$ 200.00
Archie Worden, Jr., Supt.	$ 39.90	
Edwin Joy, Grader Operator	34.30	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	4.80	
Brian Lynde, Truck Driver	33.60	
Clyde Boyd, Laborer	4.00	
Rodney Kimberley, Laborer	1.90	
C. A. Denison Lumber Co., Inc., Lumber	32.63	
I. Kramer & Sons, Materials	30.38	
Expended		$ 181.51
Unexpended		18.49

HIGHWAY PAID VACATION

Town Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		89.00
Archie Worden, Jr., Supt.	$ 153.90	
Edwin Joy, Grader Operator	220.50	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	216.00	
Brian Lynde, Truck Driver	216.00	
Clyde Boyd, Laborer	180.00	
Expended		$ 1,089.00

HIGHWAY PAID HOLIDAYS

Town Appropriation		$ 600.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		53.40
Archie Worden, Jr., Supt.	$ 153.90	

Edwin Joy, Grader Operator	132.30	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	129.60	
Brian Lynde, Truck Driver	129.60	
Clyde Boyd, Laborer	108.00	
Expended		$ 653.40

MACHINERY EARNINGS

Chapter #81		$ 3,925.50
Chapter #90 Maintenance		318.00
Chapter #90 Construction (1967)		314.00
Chapter #90 Construction (1968)		2,396.50
Transferred to Machinery Maintenance	$ 1,250.00	
Unexpended		$ 5,704.00

MACHINERY MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
1967 Machinery Earnings		8,861.50
1968 Machinery Earnings		1,250.00
Special Town Meeting		2,500.00
Archie Worden, Jr., Supt.	$ 339.15	
Edwin Joy, Grader Operator	332.95	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	312.00	
Brian Lynde, Truck Driver	309.00	
Lawrence Dumas, Truck Driver, Mechanic	1,187.50	
Clyde Boyd, Laborer	306.20	
Peter Fairbanks, Laborer	3.80	
Rodney Kimberley, Laborer	24.70	
Rudolph Herzig, Laborer	55.20	
Richard Stone, Laborer	30.40	
Walter Boyd, Laborer	55.20	
William Pollard, Laborer	5.70	
Franklin Ware Fuel Co., Diesel Fuel	964.41	
A. R. Sandri, Inc., Gasoline	1,604.12	
F. J. Call, Materials & Repairs	1,457.56	
Art's Tire, Supplies	614.01	
Graves Equipment, Supplies & Repairs	270.40	
Spencer Brothers, Supplies	68.65	
Clapps Service, Supplies	98.87	
Cowan Auto, Supplies	343.90	
New England Municipal Supply Co. Materials	1,317.34	
Purinton Welding, Welding	32.63	
Harold Allen, Repairs	1,188.25	

Del Chemical Corp., Supplies	71.00	
Lynchs Auto, Repairs	434.12	
Ralph Whiteman, Blades	675.36	
G. L. Merriam, Repairs	10.44	
Clark Hardware, Supplies	3.30	
Fred Ringwood, Repairs	126.65	
Kendall Co., Supplies	11.07	
Sydlee, Supplies	2.91	
Robert Ormand, Material	3.40	
Agway, Supplies	54.10	
Trew Corp., Supplies	1.92	
Montague Machine Co., Materials	84.50	
Naps Texaco, Supplies	39.00	
The Rowen Leahy Co., Repairs	155.30	
Jurek Brothers, Supplies	150.37	
Peterson Welding Services, Welding	156.85	
Transglobal Steel Co., Supplies	80.30	
Nat'l Chemsearch Corp., Materials	120.10	
Krohne's Auto, Services	78.40	
J. A. Jubb, Supplies	18.75	
Campbell Co., Supplies	28.00	
Central Petroleum Co., Supplies	167.20	
Petrin Motor, Supplies	5.50	
A. R. Cote, Supplies	35.45	
Clinton Herzig, Materials	4.00	
Davis Tractor Co., Materials	2.52	
Camp Chemical Industries, Supplies	63.00	
Expended		$ 13,505.45
Unexpended		106.05

TREE DISEASE

Town Appropriation		$ 500.00
Archie Worden, Sr., Tree Work	$ 84.90	
Hinkley Tree Service, Tree Work	50.00	
Joseph Trenholm, Tree Work	61.00	
Leslie Kelley, Tree Work	96.00	
Edwin Joy, Grader Operator	53.90	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	40.80	
Brian Lynde, Truck Driver	33.60	
Clyde Boyd, Laborer	34.00	
Rudolph Herzig, Laborer	9.50	
Richard Stone, Laborer	9.50	
Walter Boyd, Laborer	26.60	
Expended		$ 499.80
Unexpended		.20

CARE OF DUMP

Town Appropriation		$ 400.00
Archie Worden, Jr., Supt.	$ 36.15	
Edwin Joy, Grader Operator	48.75	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	39.60	
Brian Lynde, Truck Driver	19.80	
Clyde Boyd, Laborer	34.20	
Clinton Stafford, Equipment	188.50	
Robert Goodell, Equipment	32.50	
Expended		$ 399.50
Unexpended		.50

PUBLIC WELFARE ADMINISTRATION

Town Appropriation		$ 6,000.00
Special Town Meeting		3,000.00
Welfare	$ 95.20	
Med. Assistance to Aged	7,028.03	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,357.60	
Expended		$ 8,480.83
Unexpended		519.17

FEDERAL GRANTS OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Balance January 1, 1968	$ 5,058.13
Receipts	1,910.00
Expended	$ 5,170.98
Unexpended	1,797.15

FEDERAL GRANTS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO AGED

Balance January 1, 1968	$ 2,913.34
Receipts	8,568.00
Expended	$ 10,686.14
Unexpended	795.20

FEDERAL GRANTS AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Balance January 1, 1968	$ 2,560.96
Receipts	1,792.00
Expended	$ 3,650.72
Unexpended	702.24

FEDERAL GRANTS DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Balance January 1, 1968		$ 4,599.52
Receipts		950.00
Cancelled Check		11.95
Expended		$ 1,641.80
Unexpended		3,919.67

SOLDIERS BENEFITS

Town Appropriation		$ 5,000.00
Special Town Meeting		3,000.00
Soldiers Benefit Cases	$ 4,285.35	
Medical & Miscellaneous Expense	3,001.48	
Expended		$ 7,286.83
Unexpended		713.17

TOWN OFFICERS

Town Appropriation		$ 5,550.00
Jeanette I. Tetreault, Clerk & Treasurer	$ 1,600.00	
Glenn T. Brown, Chairman Selectman	550.00	
James H. Cromack, Selectman	450.00	
Sanford W. Hager, Selectman	450.00	
Richard Cromack, Assessor	350.00	
Robert Goodell, Assessor	350.00	
Raymond Roberts, Assessor	322.50	
Jeanette I. Tetreault, Assessor for Jan. and Clerk	327.50	
Judith Shearer, Tax Collector for January	100.00	
Ralph Joy, Tax Collector	500.00	
Dexter Shearer, Constable for January	8.33	
Osdin Lynde, Constable	100.00	
Earl Duprey, Constable	100.00	
Russell Denison, Constable	91.67	
Archie Worden, Sr., Tree Warden	25.00	
Elmer Stacy, Moderator	25.00	
Clinton Gray, Fire Chief	200.00	
Expended		$ 5,550.00

ALL OTHER TOWN OFFICERS

Town Appropriation		$ 1,200.00
Raymond L. Roberts, Inspector of Animals & Inspector of Slaughtering	$ 166.00	
Jeanette I. Tetreault, Vitals, Elections, Listing Women, Street Lists, Highway Payrolls	466.25	

Osdin R. Lynde, Dog Officer	92.80	
Sarah Coombs, Auditor	35.00	
Robert Goodell, Listing Women	50.00	
Richard Cromack, Listing Women	50.00	
Rockwell Donelson, Election Officer	10.00	
Charles Martin, Election Officer	26.25	
Glenn Brown, Election Officer	3.75	
Ruth Lynch, Election Officer and Registrar	29.38	
Alice Lively, Election Officer and Registrar	35.63	
Helen W. Call, Election Officer and Registrar	36.88	
Teresa Hall, Election Officer	45.63	
Esther Paye, Election Officer	45.63	
Lucille Johnson, Election Officer	32.50	
Leta Shearer, Election Officer	35.63	
Erna Herzig, Election Officer	6.88	
Helen Weber, Election Officer	6.88	
Jean Sedgwick, Election Officer	6.88	
Dorothy Brown, Election Officer	6.88	
Natalie Worden, Election Officer	9.38	
Expended		$ 1,198.23
Unexpended		1.77

OFFICE EXPENSE

Town Appropriation		$ 1,100.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		200.00
Jeanette I. Tetreault, Petty Cash	$ 65.00	
Howard Gooley, Postmaster	297.25	
Bernard Hickey, Postmaster	144.00	
Sawyers News Co., Supplies	16.21	
E. A. Hall, Printing	105.20	
Barrett & Baker, Supplies	53.12	
Colrain Village Store, Supplies	1.28	
Hobbs & Warren, Forms	439.30	
Archie Worden, Sr., Supplies	1.95	
Lucie Ainsworth, Postage	2.25	
Burroughs Corp., Supplies	4.45	
Franklin Registry of Deeds	8.40	
Earl Duprey, Supplies	32.97	
Archie Worden, Jr., Supplies	2:04	
The Print Shop, Printing	11.50	
The Waterbury Pen Co., Supplies	12.00	
Expended		$ 1,196.92
Unexpended		103.08

INCIDENTALS

Town Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Town Clerk Association dues	$ 17.00	
Fire Mutual Aid Association dues	10.00	
Tax Collector Association dues	4.00	
Town Treasurer Association dues	4.00	
Highway Association dues	5.00	
Town Finance Committee Association dues	15.00	
Selectmen Association dues	25.00	
Assessors Association dues	12.00	
Health Association dues	6.00	
County Selectmen Association dues	6.00	
Burroughs Corp., Maintenance of Machines	188.50	
Franklin Registry of Deeds	43.80	
John Geiger, Tax work	2.00	
Clark Hardware, Supplies	2.00	
Halligan & Warner, Plates	18.00	
County Commissioner, Deed	5.00	
Earl Duprey, Supplies	91.30	
Sanford Hager, Selectmen expense	14.00	
Glenn T. Brown, Selectmen expense	22.50	
Greenfield Recorder	25.86	
E. A. Hall, Printing	130.00	
Ralph Joy, tax expense	10.96	
Jeanette I. Tetreault, Vitals	68.00	
Osdin Lynde, Dog damages	23.50	
Commissioner of Public Safety, Book	20.00	
Colrain Grange, Care of Common	35.00	
Lewis Bailey, repairs	13.50	
Archie Worden, Sr., janitor work	5.95	
Expended		$ 823.87
Unexpended		176.13

TOWN OFFICE & GARAGE MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriation		$ 2,500.00
Franklin Ware Fuel Co., Oil	$ 1,031.17	
Western Mass. Elec. Co.	479.15	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	205.30	
Stimson & Son, Insurance	44.20	
C. W. Hawks, Insurance	118.15	
W. F. Koncal, Repairs	25.00	
Colrain Fire District, Water	7.50	
Archie Worden, Sr., janitor work	9.98	
Streeters Service Station, Supplies	10.35	
Blassberg, Services	500.00	
Expended		$ 2,430.80
Unexpended		69.20

LIBRARY

Town Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
State Aid		500.00
Dog Fund		321.90
Earl Lowell, Treasurer of Library	$ 2,321.90	
Expended		$ 2,321.90

MEMORIAL DAY

Town Appropriation		$ 125.00
Veterans District, Flags and markers	$ 40.42	
Ivan Crossman, Minister	10.00	
Winston Healy, Speaker	25.00	
Yetter the Florist, Wreath	15.00	
Expended		$ 90.42
Unexpended		34.58

Returned to Treasury $25.00 by Mr. Healy

MEMORIAL HALL

Carried Forward		$ 449.87
Transferred From Reserve Fund		125.00
Franklin Ware Fuel, Oil	$ 318.43	
Archie Worden, Sr., janitor work	68.46	
Lewis Bailey, repairs	53.10	
C. W. Hawks, Insurance	125.42	
Colrain Fire District, Water	6.00	
Expended		$ 571.41
Unexpended		3.46

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Town Appropriation		$155,898.32
Stabilization Fund		5,000.00
Transferred from Quintus Allen Fund		1,403.68
School District, Capital, Operating expenses and Vocational Education	$162,302.00	
Expended		$162,302.00

BUCKLAND, COLRAIN, SHELBURNE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Town Appropriation		$ 98,252.00
School District expenses	$ 98,252.00	
Expended		$ 98,252.00

SCHOOL LOAN AND INTEREST

Town Appropriation		$ 7,420.00
Shelburne Falls National Bank, Principal and Interest on loan	$ 7,420.00	
Expended		$ 7,420.00

ATHOL VOCATIONAL DISTRICT

Town Appropriation	$ 297.96
Unexpended	$ 297.96

FIRE PROTECTION

Town Appropriation		$ 800.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		50.00
Colrain Fire District, Protection of buildings	$ 50.00	
R. D. Hicks	5.88	
Norman Herzig	35.61	
Myron Fish	3.72	
Philip L. Miner	58.72	
John Coutu	5.16	
Robert E. Lively	7.48	
Albert Galipault	18.87	
Clinton Gray	67.00	
Rolland Gifford, Jr.	65.25	
Archie Worden, Jr.	43.75	
Edward Lively	31.00	
Donald Hillman	20.50	
Ralph Hillman	6.00	
Martin Bird	28.29	
Carl Johnson, Jr.	16.00	
Perry Johnson	14.25	
Sidney Johnson	24.25	
Dennis Stetson	14.25	
David Gilderdale	8.25	
Kenneth McCloud	34.71	
Dennis Gray	49.00	
Earl Duprey	52.77	
Gerald Streeter	16.24	
Clinton Stafford	4.50	
Keith Gammell	19.50	
Dexter Shearer	25.00	
John Willis	15.00	
Ernest Hale	12.00	
Henry Phillips	10.00	
Francis Sullivan	15.00	

Douglas McCloud	10.00	
Thomas Lively	15.00	
Walter Giguere	10.00	
Russell Herzig	10.00	
Wilfred Demarais	10.00	
Henry Demarais	15.00	
Expended		$ 847.95
Unexpended		2.05

FIRE PUMPER MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriation		$ 1,400.00
New England Tel.	$ 221.97	
Art's Tire Service, Supplies	22.00	
Magazine Publication, Dues	6.00	
Greenfield Fire Equipment, Supplies	21.86	
Sydlee, Supplies	22.42	
Edmund Tetreault, Tickets	15.00	
Streeters Filling Station, Gasoline, Oil	113.86	
Charles Clougherty, Supplies	196.32	
F. J. Call, Gasoline & Supplies	36.26	
James Shea, Supplies	103.56	
Halligan & Warner, Insurance	511.75	
Franklin Auto, Supplies	51.68	
Fire Chief Magazine	6.00	
Fryrepel Production Co., Supplies	2.65	
Cromco Elec. Co., Supplies	57.55	
Expended		$ 1,388.98
Unexpended		11.02

POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

Town Appropriation		$ 200.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		32.39
Earl Duprey, Services and Supplies	$ 25.70	
American Arms Co., Supplies	33.39	
W. S. Darey & Co., Supplies	79.30	
McCarthy Clothier, Jackets	94.00	
Expended		$ 232.39

BOARD OF HEALTH

Town Appropriation		$ 100.00
Dr. John Olson, Clinic	$ 75.00	
Expended		$ 75.00
Unexpended		25.00

AGENT, BOARD OF HEALTH

Town Appropriation		$ 75.00
Dr. John Olson, Agent	$ 75.00	
Expended		$ 75.00

WELL CHILD CONFERENCE

Town Appropriation		$ 350.00
Dr. John Olson	$ 110.00	
Marjorie Thompson, Nutritionist	60.00	
Evelyn Osborne, Hygienist	40.00	
Hazel Pickwell, Nurse	40.00	
The Baker Pharmacy, Supplies	5.76	
Expended		$ 255.76
Unexpended		94.24

CHANDLER HILL CEMETERY

Town Appropriation		$ 50.00
Carl Worden, Work at cemetery	$ 50.00	
Expended		$ 50.00

BRANCH CEMETERY

Town Appropriation		$ 75.00
Augusta Bennett, Treasurer	$ 75.00	
Expended		$ 75.00

CHRISTIAN HILL CEMETERY

Town Appropriation		$ 35.00
James Kimberley, Work at cemetery	$ 35.00	
Expended		$ 35.00

DOG LICENSES

County Treasurer, Licenses	$ 555.75
Expended	$ 555.75

DOG BITES

Town Appropriation	$ 50.00
Unexpended	$ 50.00

TOWN REPORTS AND BALLOTS

Town Appropriation		$ 750.00
E. A. Hall Co., Inc., Printing of reports	$ 750.00	
Expended		$ 750.00

STREET LIGHTS

Town Appropriation		$ 1,100.00
Western Mass. Electric Co.	$ 1,060.56	
Expended		$ 1,060.56
Unexpended		39.44

SURETY BONDS

Town Appropriation		$ 250.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		14.00
George D. Mirick & Son, Insurance	$ 264.00	
Expended		$ 264.00

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Town Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		351.00
George D. Mirick & Son, Insurance	$ 1,851.00	
Expended		$ 1,851.00

INSURANCE ON OLD TOWN BUILDING AND INSURANCE ON SEALS & SCALES

Town Appropriation		$ 72.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		1.20
C. W. Hawks Co., Inc., Insurance	$ 73.20	
Expended		$ 73.20

INSURANCE ON TRUCKS & TRACTORS

Town Appropriation	$ 600.00	
Halligan & Warner Agency, Insurance	$ 528.00	
Expended		$ 528.00
Unexpended		72.00

DEFENSE

Carried forward January 1, 1968	$ 26.77
Unexpended	$ 26.77

COLRAIN HISTORY

Carried forward January 1, 1968	$ 1,418.20
Unexpended	$ 1,418.20

TAX TITLES

Town Appropriation		$ 25.00
Unexpended		$ 25.00

MONTHLY DEDUCTIONS

Shelburne Falls National Bank, Federal W.H.T.	$ 4,600.10	
Commonwealth of Mass., State W.H.T.	579.26	
County of Franklin, County Retirement	1,159.40	
Mass. Hospital Service, Blue Cross	1,308.00	
Expended		$ 7,646.76

MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS

Commonwealth of Mass., Disability Assistance	$ 914.11	
Commonwealth of Mass., Aid to Dependent Children	86.65	
Veterans Center, 1968 Assessment	894.00	
County of Franklin, Retirement System	2,354.70	
County Treasurer, County Tax	18,594.22	
Commonwealth of Mass., State Parks, Auditing & Excise	2,294.74	
East Colrain Cemetery Dividends	52.50	
North River Cemetery Dividends	8.75	
Refunds:		
1968 Real Estate	496.80	
1967 Motor Vehicle Excise	167.60	
1968 Motor Vehicle Excise	1,491.34	
Expended		$ 27,355.41
Total Payments		$464,454.09

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation from Assessors Overlay Reserve Fund		$ 2,000.00
Transferred to:		
Office Expense	$ 200.00	
Surety Bonds	14.00	
Workmens Compensation	351.00	
Fire Protection	50.00	
Insurance on Seals	1.20	
Paid Highway, Holidays	53.40	
Paid Highway, Vacations	89.00	
Chapter #81	.06	
Chapter #90 Maintenance	.06	

Chapter #90 Construction (1967)	.03	
Police Department	32.39	
Memorial Hall	125.00	
		$ 916.14
Balance in Reserve Fund		$ 1,083.86

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN T. BROWN
JAMES H. CROMACK
SANFORD W. HAGER
Board of Selectmen

JURY LIST

Richard M. Cromack	Carl V. Sewall
Clinton E. Gray	Glenn T. Brown
Myron N. Fish	Paul H. Amstein
James H. Cromack	Harold A. Carmody
Caroline M. Woodward	Lawrence S. Shearer, Sr.
Helen M. Weber	Allan Hale Johnson
Charles L. Hacklinger	Myra Little

LIST OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ronald P. Scott	1 year term
Myron N. Fish	1 year term
Marshall K. Fairbanks	1 year term
Howard W. Gooley, Jr.	2 year term
Albert L. Hager	2 year term
Robley D. Snively	3 year term
Adam S. Malek	3 year term

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Dog Licenses

Licenses issued, 1968:		
Males, 111 @ $2.00	$ 222.00	
Females, 27 @ $5.00	135.00	
Spayed Female, 69 @ $2.00	138.00	
Kennel, 9 @ $10.00	90.00	
Kennel, 1 @ $25.00	25.00	
		$ 610.00
Fees retained	$ 54.25	
Payment of County Treasurer	555.75	
		$ 610.00

Respectfully submitted,

JEANETTE I. TETREAULT,
Town Clerk

Sporting Licenses

Licenses Issued, 1968:		
Resident Citizens' Fishing, 41 @ $5.25	$ 215.25	
Resident Citizens' Hunting, 86 @ $5.25	451.50	
Resident Citizens' Sporting, 93 @ $8.25	767.25	
Resident Citizens' Minor Fishing, 12 @ 3.25	39.00	
Resident Citizens' Female Fishing, 21 @ $4.25	89.25	
Resident Citizens' Minor Trapping, 1 @ $3.25	3.25	
Special Non-Resident Fishing, 2 @ $5.25	10.50	
Non-resident Hunting, 3 @ $16.25	48.75	
Duplicate Licenses, 9 @ $.50	4.50	
Archery Deer Stamp, 11 @ $1.10	12.10	
		$ 1,641.35
Payment to Division of Fisheries and Game	$ 1,575.50	
Fees Retained	65.85	
		$ 1,641.35

Respectfully submitted,

JEANETTE I. TETREAULT,
Town Clerk

BIRTHS RECORDED IN COLRAIN FOR THE YEAR 1968

Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents
FEBRUARY		
25	Carol Anne Roberts	Raymond Louis Roberts Sheila Mae Streeter
APRIL		
1	Lori Sue Everett	Daryl Stephen Everett Judith Ann Schuller
MAY		
4	Tyler Jason Clark	Harry Emerson Clark Helen Re Billiel
24	Ann Marie Eastman	William Albert Eastman Elaine Dorothy White
JUNE		
14	Kerry Anna Gover	Robert Eugene Gover Sharon Sue Jones
JULY		
2	Nancy Lynn Herzig	Roger Marvin Herzig Rose Mabel Hayes
AUGUST		
13	Kenneth Paul Herzig	Stanley Phillip Herzig Pauline Ethel Reynolds
OCTOBER		
1	Corey James Boyd	Walter Earl Boyd Brenda Margarette Stone
NOVEMBER		
25	Alexander William Pollard	William Carl Pollard Joan Stockwell Davis

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN COLRAIN FOR THE YEAR 1968

Date	Contracting Parties	by Whom and Where Married
JANUARY		
13	Robert Wallace Miller Ann Elizabeth Shortell	Rev. Paul W. Zeckhausen Wilbraham, Mass.
27	William Gerard Gilbert Kaye L. Stone	Rev. Ivan H. Crossman Colrain, Mass.
FEBRUARY		
24	Kenneth E. Noyes, Jr. Donna K. Quinn	Rev. James R. Duncan Colrain, Mass.
APRIL		
6	Dennis G. Lively Linda L. Shulda	Rev. James P. Lynch Buckland, Mass.
20	Robert Warren Bassett Constance A. Jurek	Rev. Ivan H. Crossman Shelburne Falls, Mass.
MAY		
4	Leon C. Wells Mildred C. Mason	Rev. Ivan H. Crossman Colrain, Mass.
11	Robert E. Lively, Jr. Nancy Louise Cooper	Rev. Leon C. Nadeau Turners Falls, Mass.
30	Richard Emory Miller Carolyn J. Bobala	Rev. John E. Aubertin Northampton, Mass.
JUNE		
1	Robert John Page Patricia Louise (Carey) Batchelder	James E. Faulkner Justice of the Peace Northampton, Mass.
8	Gary F. Shaw Leslie Ann Hicks	Rev. Thomas F. O'Malley Colrain, Mass.
8	Harley Leroy Mullen Jane Althea Caswell	Rev. Eric Bascom Colrain, Mass.
21	Carl T. Coutu Linda M. Burnap	Rev. Kenneth H. Taylor, Jr. Greenfield, Mass.
JULY		
2	Albert J. Fuller Marie Elaine Noyes	Rev. David G. Christensen, Jr. Colrain, Mass.

6	David Paul Kruger Geraldine Amy Corbett	Rev. Everett M. Robie Deerfield, Mass.
13	Dennis Leo Miller Helene Berberovic	Rev. Lawrence B. Martin Orange, Mass.

AUGUST

3	Gregory Joseph King Marie Aline Chasles	Rev. James J. Moylan Buckland, Mass.
10	Donald George Churchill Janie Luella Miller	Rev. Kenneth H. Taylor, Jr. Greenfield, Mass.
18	Donald Leighton Terrill Catherine Mary Feyhl	Rev. James R. Duncan Greenfield, Mass.
23	Richard T. Ward Marlith A. (Brant) Kinsman	Rev. Robert D. Ward Buckland, Mass.

SEPTEMBER

14	Thomas Emerson Shippee Jean Elizabeth Purington	Rev. Dennis P. Bombardier Buckland, Mass.

OCTOBER

12	Douglas Roy Richardson Kathleen Jean Walters	Rev Harry A. Driscoll Colrain, Mass.
12	F. David Richardson Bertina J. Galipault	Rev. Harry A. Driscoll Colrain, Mass.
12	Floyd W. Scott Helen Hager	Rev. Ivan H. Crossman Colrain, Mass.

NOVEMBER

2	Kenneth Francis Snow Nancy L. (Suleski) Lively	Rev. Eric W. Bascom, Sr. Buckland, Mass.
9	Vincent M. Marchese Lorna F. Herzig	Rev. Ivan H. Crossman Colrain, Mass.
27	Osdin R. Lynde Ruby J. (Cole) Brothers	Rev. David G. Christensen, Jr. Colrain, Mass.

DECEMBER

24	Robert James Hall Gail J. Cooke	Oliver C. Grant Justice of the Peace Springfield, Mass.

26	Thomas T. Oliver Kate L. Foster	Rev. David G. Christensen, Jr. Colrain, Mass.
28	John Thomas McCloud Karen Cromack	Rev. Merle L. Lawore Buckland, Mass.

DEATHS RECORDED IN COLRAIN FOR THE YEAR 1968

Date	Name	Place of Death	yr.	mos.	days
JANUARY					
2	John W. Swayger,	Montague	72	6	6
19	Kenneth W. Barnes,	Montague	68	0	26
31	Alice (Bardwell) Hager,	Greenfield	80	6	29
MARCH					
6	Edith J. (Patterson) Galvin,	Shelburne Falls	81	10	16
9	Lincoln Bowen,	Shelburne	55	7	10
MAY					
5	Roger H. Purrington,	Greenfield	55	9	0
27	Josephine (LaPlant) Streeter,	Shelburne	85	10	14
JULY					
16	Daisy Lee (Wells) Card,	Shelburne	87	1	18
AUGUST					
28	Hubert Borden Mockler,	Colrain	76	1	24
SEPTEMBER					
9	Mabel (Simmons) Watts,	Colrain	73		
OCTOBER					
21	Edward Germain,	Hanover, N. H.	65		
NOVEMBER					
1	Louis H. Cranson,	Greenfield	87	3	3
8	Ernest W. Richardson,	Greenfield	72	4	4

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance January 1, 1968		$175,259.34
Taxes:		
1964 Motor Vehicle Excise	$ 13.20	
1965 Real Estate	321.25	
1966 Real Estate	340.80	
1966 Personal Property	4.80	
1966 Motor Vehicle Excise	288.16	
1967 Real Estate	5,304.58	
1967 Personal Property	648.00	
1967 Farm Animal Excise	96.25	
1967 Motor Vehicle Excise	4,443.55	
1968 Real Estate	149,664.09	
1968 Personal Property	35,485.50	
1968 Farm Animal Excise	1,442.39	
1968 Motor Vehicle Excise	26,790.53	
Interest on Taxes	391.54	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
State Tax	36,416.08	
Loss of Taxes	6,682.97	
Meal Tax	541.47	
School Aid:		
Construction	4,297.40	
Chapter #70	17,241.84	
Vocational Education	99.75	
Tuition and Transportation	640.75	
Regional Vocational Reimbursement	84.82	
Trust Fund Income		
Quintus Allen	1,000.00	
Aid to Highways		
County, 1967 Chapter 90 Maintenance	2,000.00	
County, Chapter 90 Construction	9,000.00	
State, Chapter #81	25,173.16	
State, Chapter 90 Maintenance	2,000.00	
State, Chapter #90 Construction	18,000.00	
State, Improvement loan, Acts of 1967	5,223.71	
Veterans Services & Benefits	3,646.47	
State, Library	500.00	

U.S. Grants		
Old Age Assistance	1,910.00	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,792.00	
Medical Assistance to Aged	8,568.00	
Disability Assistance	950.00	
Cancelled Check, Disability Assistance	11.95	
State:		
Old Age Assistance	2,535.16	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,804.25	
Medical Assistance to Aged	7,375.26	
Disability Assistance	244.02	
Reimbursement, Aid to Dependent Children	60.00	
Reimbursement, Recovery, Old Age Assistance	494.00	
Welfare, Refund	30.93	
Dog Damages	66.00	
Dog Licenses	555.75	
County, Dog Fund	321.90	
Court Fines	105.00	
Selectmen Licenses	1,496.50	
I. D. Gun Permits	330.00	
Phone Booth	32.85	
Stabilization Fund	5,000.00	
Interest on Savings Bank Book	1,325.29	
Refunds:		
Accident, Insurance	76.00	
Insurance	76.54	
Sale of Machinery	100.00	
Rental Memorial Hall	149.81	
Cancelled Checks	29.68	
Cemetery Dividends		
North River	8.75	
East Colrain	43.75	
Annie Browning	8.75	
Meeting House	8.75	
Grace Tenney	4.38	
Payroll Deductions:		
Road Machinery Earnings	6,954.00	
Federal Taxes	4,600.10	
State Taxes	593.46	
County Retirement System	1,159.40	
Blue Cross, Highway Department	1,366.93	
		$407,972.22

Total Receipts	$583,231.56
Total Payments	464,454 09
Cash Balance, December 31, 1968	$118,777.47

Respectfully submitted,

JEANETTE I. TETREAULT,
Treasurer

BOARD OF ASSESSORS' REPORT

Town Appropriation voted since 1967 Tax Rate was fixed	$402,626.47	
School Lunch Program	1,116.03	
Free Public Libraries	500.00	
Veterans Service District	894.00	
County of Franklin Retirement System	2,354.70	
State Tax and Assessments	18,740.07	
State Recreation Areas, Audit and Excise Tax Bills	2,406.59	
Overlay of Current Year	12,117.14	
		$440,755.00

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Local Aid and Agency Funds	$107,166.54	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	27,000.00	
Licenses	1,400.00	
Fines	50.00	
Interest on Taxes and Deposit	2,500.00	
Farm Animal Excise	1,300.00	
February 7, 1968 Annual Town Meeting	97,960.81	
December 19, 1967 Special Town Meeting	3,000.00	
October 13, 1967 Special Town Meeting	1,000.00	
County Tax	1,391.24	
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds		$242,768.59

RECAPITULATION OF TAXABLE PROPERTY

Stock in Trade	$ 30,350.00
Machinery	1,193,600.00

Live Stock	17,450.00	
All Other Tangible Personal Property	108,800.00	
		$1,350.200.00
Land exclusive of Buildings	$1,061,655.00	
Buildings exclusive of Land	4,920,975.00	
Total Value of Assessed Real Estate		$5,982,630.00
Total Value of Assessed Estate		$7,332,830.00

Table of Aggregates

	Personal	*Farm Animal Excise*
Horses Assessed	61	3
Cows Assessed	28	812
Bulls	30	
Swine	3	9
Sheep	2	
Fowl	100	15,017
All Other	31	16
No. of Acres of Land Assessed	24,248½	
No. of Dwelling Houses Assessed	448	

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Date	*Commitment No.*	*Commissioners Value*	*Excise Tax*
February 15, 1968	1	$ 25,300.00	$ 1,669.80
March 7, 1968	2	32,900.00	2,171.40
April 10, 1968	3	66,200.00	4,369.20
May 1, 1968	4	68,250.00	4,504.50
May 24, 1968	5	60,420.00	3,987.82
July 3, 1968	6	66,170.00	4,198.85
August 26, 1968	7	60,370.00	3,491.78
August 23 1968	8	34,720.00	1,714.43
September 28, 1968	9	40,490.00	1,473.59
October 18, 1968	10	35,960.00	1,491.51
November 6, 1968	11	18,870.00	1,066.55
			$ 30,139.43

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT B. GOODELL
RICHARD M. CROMACK
RAYMOND L. ROBERTS
Board of Assessors

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector's report for January 1, 1968 to December 31, 1968

1963	Motor Vehicles Excise Outstanding		
	January 1, 1968	$ 25.30	
	Uncollected		$ 25.30
1964	Motor Vehicle Excise Outstanding		
	January 1, 1968	13.20	
	Payments to treasurer		13.20
1965	Personal Property Outstanding		
	January 1, 1968	193.75	
	Uncollected		193.75
1965	Real Estate Outstanding		
	January 1, 1968	321.25	
	Payments to treasurer		321.25
1965	Motor Vehicle Excise Outstanding		
	January 1, 1968	38.50	
	Uncollected		38.50
1966	Real Estate Outstanding		
	January 1, 1968	346.80	
	Payments to treasurer		340.80
	Uncollected		6.00
1966	Personal Property Outstanding		
	January 1, 1968	175.20	
	Payments to treasurer		4.80
	Uncollected		170.40
1966	Motor Vehicles Excise Outstanding		
	January 1, 1968	982.62	
	Payments to treasurer		288.16
	Uncollected		694.46
1967	Real Estate Outstanding		
	January 1, 1968	5,354.53	
	Payments to treasurer		5,304.58
	Uncollected		49.95
1967	Personal Property Outstanding		
	January 1, 1968	918.00	
	Payments to treasurer		648.00
	Abatements		5.40
	Uncollected		264.60

1967	Farm Animal Excise Outstanding		
	January 1, 1968	96.25	
	Payments to treasurer		96.25
1967	Motor Vehicle Excise Outstanding		
	January 1, 1968	2,732.48	
	Commitment per warrant	2,978.87	
	Error former collector	2.00	
	Refunds	167.60	
	Payments to treasurer		4,443.55
	Abatements		448.71
	Uncollected		988.69
1968	Real Estate		
	Commitment per warrant	161,621.46	
	Refunds	496.80	
	Payments to treasurer		149,664.09
	Tax Title		90.45
	Abatements		8,773.91
	Uncollected		3,589.81
1968	Personal Property		
	Commitment per warrant	36,493.20	
	Payments to treasurer		35,485.50
	Abatements		54.70
	Uncollected		953.00
1968	Farm Animal Excise		
	Commitment per warrant	1,535.89	
	Payments to treasurer		1,442.39
	Uncollected		93.50
1968	Motor Vehicle Excise		
	Commitment per warrant	30,139.43	
	Refunds	1,491.34	
	Payments to treasurer		26,790.53
	Abatements		2,778.05
	Uncollected		2,062.19

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH R. JOY,
Tax Collector

GRISWOLD MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT

RECEIPTS		
Town Appropriation	$ 1,500.00	
State Aid to Libraries	500.00	
Dog Tax Refund	374.25	
Income from Invested Funds	438.40	
Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1968	811.75	
		$ 3,624.40

EXPENSES		
Books	$ 770.12	
Librarian	1,280.00	
Janitor	292.82	
Fuel	251.78	
Lights	140.49	
Insurance	344.95	
Maintenance	131.49	
Phone	111.44	
Clerical Supplies	22.21	
Miscellaneous	32.76	
Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1969	246.34	
		$ 3,624.40

EARLE A. LOWELL, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

The following is the librarian's report for Griswold Memorial Library for the year 1968.

Book circulation was as follows: adult books 3158; juvenile books 2610; total 5768. Miss Grace Baker of the Western Regional Library reported 674 books loaned to the library, and 997 books loaned to Colrain Central School and other stops in town. The number was smaller this year because of impaired bookmobile service due to the illness of personnel. Two recording companies have given records to the library, and record circulation was 153. There were 48 new registrations.

New books added to the library totalled 215, of which 170 were adult and 45 juvenile books. Included are three new Webster's dictionaries, Biographical, Geographical and Dictionary of Synonyms;

and a set of five Art books of Great Museums of the World. Donors of books and magazines this year have included Charles Ainsworth, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Aschmann, Mr. and Mrs. James Bowen, Mrs. Robert Caswell, Charles Mayer, Fred Muehl, Clarence Paye, Mrs. Evelyn Pennegar, Herbert Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schneider, Mrs. Richard Sedgewick, Mrs. Carl Sewall and Miss Jo Anne Urban. Gift books not needed at the library were donated to the hospital.

Seventy-two state certificates for reading were awarded as follows: Grade VI- 42; Grade V- 23; and Grade IV- 7. Five of these were honor certificates.

Miss Winnifred Curtis of Greenfield showed slides and spoke of her trip to England at the National Library Week program in April. Library open house was observed and refreshments were served by the trustees.

A summer reading program was conducted for children of grades 1-6. On the closing evening movies were shown, certificates awarded, and all attending children were treated to candy.

Kindergarten and first grade pupils, accompanied by their teachers, visited the library and enjoyed movies and a story hour.

Flower boxes with red geraniums were added to the steps and balconies of the library and added to the beauty of the building.

Your librarian took two courses, *Library as a Reference Center* and *Programs and Services for Children,* at the University of New Hampshire in July. Mrs. Pearl Germain and Charles Mayer substituted at the desk during her absence. Miss Elaine Lively is the present substitute.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE B. O'BRIEN,
Librarian

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health functioned in 1968 as it has in former years, maintaining records of reported cases of contagious diseases. One notable observation is that the incidents of contagious diseases reported to be in the community has undergone marked changes from the past. Chicken pox continues to be the one involving the greatest number of people. Measles and German Measles are reported with increasingly less frequency, and now that the program of innoculation against measles is being carried out, this disease is undergoing marked diminution.

Inspections of water supplies and sewage disposal arrangements were made and measures taken to improve conditions were done.

The immunization program that has been carried out annually involving the use of triple toxoids was given with an excellent response on the part of the parents. It is noted that the number of children appearing at these clinics, is gradually lessening because of the innoculations being done at the offices of their private physicians.

The year ended with much talk of and increasing numbers of a new type of influenza that had arisen in Hong Kong. The full impact of this influenza epidemic was not realized at the end of the year, but the outlook did not seem to be as severe as predicted.

The Well-Child Conference which is sponsored by the Board of Health took place in the Colrain School. This was done as a result of the planning of Mrs. Hazel Pickwell and the workers whom she solicited for the program. Physical examinations were made and innoculations given by Dr. John Olson. The Board once again offers thanks to all who assisted in these various programs to improve the overall health of our citizens.

Sincerely,

JOHN H. OLSON, M.D.,

Agent Board of Health

CENTRAL FRANKLIN WELFARE DISTRICT

1968

Balance Jan. 1, 1968		$ 11,726.59
Receipts 1968		
Adm. OAA Federal	$ 953.44	
Adm. AFDC Federal	1,853.17	
Adm. DA Federal	616.80	
Adm. MA Federal	1,517.82	
Adm. State Reimbursement	3,947.19	
Retirement Deductions	310.18	
Fed. Withholding Deduc.	1,213.16	
State Withholding Deduc.	109.46	
Employer's Share SWT	3.28	
		$ 10,524.50
Total		$ 22,251.09
Payments 1968		
Salaries	$ 6,204.90	
Treas. Sal.	100.00	
Dr. Cary, Med. Advisor	60.00	
Agent Travel	65.94	
Office Supplies & Expense	567.10	
Retirement Assessment	1,269.20	
Rent	210.00	
Fed. Withholding Taxes	1,213.16	
State Withholding Taxes	106.18	
Employer's Share SWT	3.28	
County Retirement	310.18	
		$ 10,109.94
Balance Dec. 31, 1968		$12,141.15

Reconciliation of Bank Balance

Bank Bal. Dec. 31, 1968	$ 12,141.15

OLIVE E. WOOD, Treas.

REPORT OF VETERANS' SERVICE AGENT

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Colrain:

Herewith is my fourth annual and final report as Director and Veterans' Agent of the Western Franklin Veterans Service District.

Office contacts numbered 2,842 for the year with a partial breakdown of the following services rendered:

Inquiries concerning burial allowances, flags and markers	143
G. I. Education applications and inquiries	95
Assistance in completing applications for Pensions, Home Loans, Compensation, Annual Income Questionnaires, Tax Exemption, Insurance, Hospital and/or clinical service and Social Security	563
Request for non-veteran photostatic copy work (A small charge is made for this service)	57
Registration for Selective Service	48
Vietnam Bonus Applications and Inquiries	472

There has been 250 applications processed by this office for the Vietnam Bonus. This figure represents a total of $53,700.00 that has been or will be paid to Veterans residing in the eleven towns comprising the Western Franklin Veterans Service District. For the town of Colrain the monetary figure is $8,600.00 and represents 39 applications by veterans entering the service subsequent to July 1, 1958 from Colrain.

Records available within the District Office indicate that there are approximately 160 veterans within the District who are eligible for this bonus and who have not, at this writing, made application.

As a result of the Vietnam Bonus law passed in July 1968, veterans folders now number 2340 which represents an increase of 140 folders over last year.

Of particular concern to returning veterans who plan to further their education is Chapter 601 of the Acts of 1966 as amended by Chapter 480 of the Acts of 1968 which authorizes tuition free attendance at any state supported institution of higher learning within the Commonwealth. Interested veterans should seek further information concerning this law from this office.

We have knowledge of 8 young men from towns in the District who entered active service during 1968. It should be noted that our only notification of entry is from the local Selective Service Board and does not include entry by direct enlistment.

$54.30 was collected and turned over to the District Treasurer for non-veteran photostatic copy work during the year.

$360.67 was collected and turned over to the District Treasurer for grave markers and flags during 1968. The District maintains a supply of markers and flags to be used by member towns.

During the year this office assisted in the preparation of 42 applications for federal and state benefits. As of this writing, 34 applications have been approved and awards granted. This represents a monetary income to the District of $31,601.52 annually, of which veterans and dependents of the town of Colrain will receive $6,196.20 annually. In addition to actual monetary income are the benefits veterans received at state and federal hospitals and clinics for which a dollar value cannot be assigned.

Our public assistance program, or veterans benefits furnished financial aid to 38 families with a total of 75 persons involved. $39,008.55 was expended by member towns during 1968 of which ½ or $19,504.27 will be reimbursed by the commonwealth. Expenditures by category for the town of Colrain follows:

Ordinary Benefits, $3,232.51; Fuel, $1,052.84; Doctor, $58.80; Hospital, $1,096.24; Drugs, $774.07; Dental, $429.00; Misc. (Includes Optical, Insurance, Home Repairs, etc.) $668.54. Total Expenditures, $7,312.00.

The District Office is located in Memorial Hall, Bridge Street, Shelburne Falls and is open from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday thru Friday. The office phone number is 625-2000.

It was with sincere regret that I found it necessary to submit my resignation as Director and Veterans Agent to the District Committee effective December 31, 1968. My work during this past 37 months has been most rewarding. The District Committee has selected a dedicated and capable individual in Mr. Clyde H. Churchill to assume the Directorship of the District on January 1, 1969. My sincere thanks to the District Board for their corporation and guidance. My very best wishes to Mr. Churchill during the coming years.

Respectfully submitted,

CLEMENT H. RECORD

Director and Veterans' Agent

WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS' SERVICE CENTER

TREASURER'S REPORT

1968

Balance Jan. 1, 1968		$ 1,185.96
Receipts 1968:		
Town of Buckland	$ 1,564.50	
Town of Rowe	372.50	
Town of Shelburne	1,788.00	
Town of Charlemont	521.50	
Town of Colrain	894.00	
Town of Conway	521.50	
Town of Ashfield	745.00	
Town of Hawley	149.00	
Town of Plainfield	149.00	
Town of Heath	223.50	
Town of Monroe	521.50	
Flags & Markers	357.51	
Photo Copies	54.30	
Fed. Withholding Deductions	463.18	
State Withholding Deductions	100.59	
County Retirement Deductions	297.93	
Employer's Share SWT	3.02	
		$ 8,726.53
		$ 9,912.49
Payments 1968:		
Salary, Director	$ 5,255.00	
Salary Ass't. Dir.	649.98	
Salary, Clerk	52.80	
Salary, Treas.	75.00	
Rent	600.00	
Phone	197.80	
Office Expense	694.97	
Agents' Travel & Expense	330.27	
County Retirement Assessment	551.10	
Treas. Bond	10.00	
Flags & Markers	282.00	
Fed. Withholding	463.18	
State Withholding	97.57	
Emp. Share SWT	3.02	

County Retirement	297.93	
		$ 9,560.62
Balance Dec. 31, 1968		$ 351.87

Reconciliation of Bank Balance

Bank Balance Dec. 31, 1968	$ 594.97	
Outstanding Checks	243.10	
Balance Dec. 31, 1968		$ 351.87

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The year 1968 has been a busy one for the Fire Dept.

We received 24 fire calls, plus 49 ambulance calls.

The fire calls consisted of 6 mutual aid calls, 4 chimney fires, 9 grass and brush fires, 2 fires involving automobiles, 2 oil burner explosions involving dwellings, and one call for a bomb threat at Kendall Mills.

Our mutual aid calls consisted of 2 assists to the Town of Rowe during their disastrous forest fire, we aided Shelburne at the Sweetheart Tea House fire, the fire at the Root Residence, and the fire at John Benz Farm in East Shelburne.

We also participated in a test run for Mohawk Regional School.

The Firemen's Association responded to 49 ambulance calls.

Our present ambulance needs replacing and the Firemen's Association has taken the necessary action to correct the situation.

We have on order, to be delivered the latter part of February, a new Ambulance Conversion unit which will be a first of its kind in the area, although they are popular in mid-west and many of our cities. These are the same type in use in our nation's capital. They are very versatile and far more economical to buy and operate.

This unit will cost the Firemen's Association nearly $10,000. As you can see, this is quite an undertaking, and will require your cooperation and contributions to succeed.

It will be fully equipped to carry (4) prom patients, plus all necessary emergency equpiment, as required by the state.

Due to the rising costs I have asked for a very nominal increase in the maintenance and equipment appropriation.

Things to look to for the future:

Our old truck should be replaced with a 1000 gal. tanker. It is now 26 years old, and abandoned by the Fire Underwriters. A tanker is of great assistance in a rural community where water is hard to obtain.

Many of our homes are void of an ample supply of water, with which to fight a fire.

Very few farms have water holes. And those who have them are not making them available for fire use during the winter months.

There would be much valuable time lost trying to reach many of our water holes in case of fire.

In closing, I would like to remind you that the firemen, will be holding an auction early in the spring, and we are looking for donations of any saleable items.

CLINTON E. GRAY,
Fire Chief

STATE AUDITOR'S REPORT

January 26, 1968

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Sanford W. Hager, Chairman
Colrain, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Colrain for the period from January 1, 1966 to May 13, 1967, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Chief of Bureau.

Very truly yours,

ARTHUR H. MacKINNON
Director of Accounts

AHM:csg

Mr. Arthur H. MacKinnon
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
Boston, Massachusetts

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Colrain for the period from January 1, 1966, the date of the previous examination, to May 13, 1967, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or sending out bills for collection were examined and checked.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on May 13, 1967.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were analyzed and checked with the records of the departments making payments to the treasurer and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the expenditures were compared with

the selectmen's warrants and with the classified record of payments. The cash balance on May 13, 1967 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the depository, by inspection of the savings bank book, and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of the trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer and the library treasurer were examined and listed. The income was proved and all other transactions were verified.

The records of payroll deductions on account of Federal and State taxes, the county and teachers' retirement systems, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and group insurance were examined and checked. The deductions were listed, the payments to the proper agencies were verified, and the balances in the general treasury on May 13, 1967 were proved.

The records of town and district tax titles were examined and checked. The amounts transferred to the tax title account were checked with the collector's books, and the tax titles on hand were listed and compared with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file. The coupons outstanding on May 13, 1967 were listed and checked with the amount on deposit in the bond and coupon account.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitment lists of town and district taxes and excise, were audited and reconciled with the assessors' warrants. The recorded collections were checked, the payments to the town and district treasurers were verified, the abatements as recorded were checked with the assessors' records of abatement granted, the transfers to the tax title account were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

To further verify the outstanding accounts, notices were mailed to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The appropriations as voted were listed from the town clerk's records of town meetings, and the amounts voted were compared with the aggregate appropriations raised by the assessors in the computation of the 1966 tax rate.

The financial transactions of the town clerk were examined and checked. The receipts for dog and sporting licenses, as well as from gasoline registrations, were checked with the records of licenses issued. The payments to the treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game were verified, and the cash on hand May 13, 1967 was proved by actual count.

The surety bonds on file for the several officials required to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper order.

The receipts of the selectmen, as well as of the police, highway, public welfare, veterans' services, and school departments, and of all other departments collecting money for the town or sending out bills for collection, were examined. The recorded collections were checked with the treasurer's cash receipts and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The books and accounts of the treasurer of the Griswold Memorial Library were examined. The receipts and payments were checked, and the cash balance on May 13, 1967 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

There are appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, tables showing reconciliations of the several cash accounts, summaries of the tax, excise, and departmental accounts, as well as schedules showing the transactions and condition of the trust and investment funds.

During the progress of the audit cooperation was extended by all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ
Assistant Chief of Bureau

WS:csg

BALANCE SHEET — TOWN OF COLRAIN

May 13, 1967

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Cash:		
General		$150,700.39
Special:		
Library		$ 2,258.17
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1963:		
Real Estate		$ 22.72
Levy of 1964:		
Personal Property	$ 22.80	
Real Estate	24.32	
		$ 47.12
Levy of 1965:		
Personal Property	$ 193.75	
Real Estate	386.25	
		$ 580.00
Levy of 1966:		
Personal Property	$ 273.60	
Real Estate	799.00	
		$ 1,072.60

Liabilities and Reserves

Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Taxes	$ 443.52	
State Taxes	42.66	
County Retirement System	46.56	
Teachers' Retirement System	97.19	
		$ 629.93
Due County:		
Dog Licenses	242.00	
Sale of Dogs	6.00	
		$ 248.00
Trust Fund Income:		
Quintus Allen	$ 3,868.05	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	163.47	
		$ 4,031.52
Griswold Memorial Library		$ 2,258.17
Recoveries:		
Disability Assistance	$ 1,459.60	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,240.00	
		$ 2,699.60

Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1963	$ 25.30	
Levy of 1964	22.00	
Levy of 1965	411.76	
Levy of 1966	1,703.22	
Levy of 1967	8,310.37	
		$ 10,472.65
Farm Excise:		
Levy of 1966		$ 6.50
Tax Titles:		
Town	574.05	
District	83.58	
		$ 657.63
Departmental:		
Old Age Assistance	$ 240.77	
Veterans' Services	1,556.06	
		$ 1,796.83
Aid to Highways:		
State	$ 29,341.99	
County	2,845.99	
		$ 32,187.98
Dog Officer Fees — Due from County		$ 15.00

Federal Grants:		
Disability Assistance	$ 4,693.12	
Aid to Dependent Children	4,055.31	
Old Age Assistance	6,864.48	
Medical Assistance	5,507.40	
		$ 21,120.31
School Lunch Program		$ 1,720.44
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue:		
General	$273,434.15	
Non-Revenue:		
Elementary School Construction	64.42	
		$273,498.57
Road Machinery Fund		$ 3,294.79
Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus		$ 10,551.24
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1963	$ 22.72	
Levy of 1964	47.12	
Levy of 1965	580.00	
Levy of 1966	315.33	
		$ 965.17

Appropriations Due From:		
State — Highways — Chapter 679, Acts of 1965	$ 2,318.55	
Stabilization Fund	7,500.00	
		$ 9,818.55
Revenue 1967:		
Appropriations Voted	$390,995.97	
Deduct:		
Estimated Receipts Collected	—32,556.40	
Available Funds Voted	—122,477.64	
		$235,961.93
Underestimates 1966:		
State Recreation Areas Assessment	$ 213.17	
County Tax	748.80	
		$ 961.97
		$446,560.04

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise	$ 10,472.65	
Farm Excise	6.50	
Tax Title	657.63	
Departmental	1,796.83	
Aid to Highway	32,187.98	
		$ 45,121.59
Surplus Revenue		$ 80,420.71
		$446,560.04

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:	
Inside Debt Limit	$ 4,000.00
Outside Debt Limit	24,000.00
	$ 28,000.00

Serial Loans:	
Elementary School Construction	$ 28,000.00
	$ 28,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds:	
Cash and Securities:	
In Custody of Town Treasurer	$ 26,608.97
In Custody of Library Treasurer	15,036.37
	$ 41,645.34

In custody of Treasurer:		
Davenport Relief Fund	$ 1,711.71	
Permanent Honor Roll Fund	34.10	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:		
Annie Browning	200.00	
Miller and Dennison	200.00	
William S. Kemp:		
East Colrain	1,000.00	
Meeting House Hill	200.00	
Martha I. Babbitt	170.74	
Grace A. Tenney	100.00	
Stabilization Fund	*22,992.42	
		$ 26,608.97
In Custody of Library Treasurer:		
Griswold Memorial Library Funds:		
General	$ 13,036.37	
Maintenance	2,000.00	
		$ 15,036.37
		$ 41,645.34

*Due General Treasury $7,500.00.

REPORT OF MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Of the more significant happenings of the past year were the substantial completion of the School Plant which all had the opportunity to inspect on the day of dedication in September, and the graduation of the first class, the Class of 1968 from Mohawk Trail Regional School. It is heartening to find that of the 109 students who graduated, 71% have planned to go on to higher education. Also, the first contract negotiated between the Mohawk Trail Regional School District Committee and the Mohawk Trail Teachers' Association was signed on June 20, 1968. This culminated about five months of negotiating in reaching agreement. Much time and effort was put in by the Sub-committees involved and for the Committee, Mr. Harold Harris was Chairman with Mr. Kendall Abbott, Mr. Russell Denison, Miss Doris Askew and Mr. H. Michael Smith also serving. For the Mohawk Teachers' Association, Paul Levy, David Backlin and James Piehl made up the negotiating team. Serving as legal counsel for the Committee was Attorney Robert Nowak and John Sullivan served as counsel for the Teachers' Association.

NEW PROGRAMS AND SYSTEMS

An Adult Evening Program was initiated as recommended by Superintendent Dr. Benedict L. Margarone. This program will begin in January.

About a year ago the Committee approved the membership of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District in the New England Educational Data System, which provides computer scheduling and report cards, and the scoring of Guidance Department Tests. This service is now being used successfully.

A fire pond has been constructed on the east side of the School to provide additional fire protection.

In June the Committee voted to install the Tel-Guard System in the School, both for fire and burglary protection. This System has been installed and is now operational.

OTHER COMMITTEE ACTION

In January the Committee voted to request our State Representative and Senator to take whatever steps are necessary to reverse the Directive of the State Department of Education to force K-12 Regionalization.

In March the Committee went on record in favor of proposed Legislation for salaries to School District Committee Members and

this message was carried to the Area V District Meeting of the Massachusetts School Committees Association, which also voted in favor of proposed Legislation for salaries to District School Committee Members.

In May it was voted that the Administration be instructed to investigate the possibility of including a Sex Education Program within the curriculum of the School.

The Committee gratefully accepted the sum of $585.00 to be set aside as the "Marion Purington Doran Fund" to be used to purchase books for the School Library.

ADMINISTRATION

In the Spring, Dr. Benedict L. Margarone was hired under a two year contract to serve as Superintendent of Schools of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District. He started his duties on July 1, 1968, right after the expiration of the Contract of Roy A. Bither, Jr. who was the District's first Superintendent. Dr. Margarone comes to us from Milton, Massachusetts. He has substantial background in teaching and guidance counseling. He has served as Department Head and successfully completed an Administrative Internship Program in the Boston Public Schools. He indicates that he enjoys the area and finds the work challenging.

BUDGET

In November the Committee adopted a Gross Operating Budget of $837,452.00 and a Gross Capital Budget of $241,600.00 for the year 1969.

SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

In addition to the Negotiating Sub-Committee the following Sub-Committees were also appointed in the past year:

Sub-Committee to deal with fire safety matters;

Guy Manners, Jr. (Chairman) Edwin Slowinski, Bernard Shippee.

Sub-Committee to make recommendations concerning procedures and qualifications for hiring a Superintendent;

Paul Lively (Chairman), Ralph Wells, Doris Askew, Russell Denison, Roger Scott.

Sub-Committee to prepare an appropriate Dedication Ceremony for the School;

Guy Manners, Jr. (Chairman), Doris Askew, Herbert Purington.

Sub-Committee to work out policies regarding controversial matters at the School;

Roger Scott (Chairman), Bert DuPree, John Williams.

Sub-Committee to study Conflict of Interest pertaining to School Committee Members;

Paul Lively (Chairman), Hobart Raymond, Herbert Purington.

Sub-Committee for 1969 Budget Planning;
Doris Askew (Chairman), Ralph Wells, Russell Denison.

Joint Study Sub-Committee appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Committee-Teacher working Contract;

Clement Record (Chairman), Kendall Abbott, Guy Manners, Jr.

Sub-Committee to study drainage problems on School grounds;
Ralph Wells (Chairman), Bernard Shippee, Roger Scott.

Sub-Committee to meet with the Teachers' Association on a monthly basis to serve as an avenue of communication;
Clement Record (Chairman), Guy Manners, Jr., Kendall Abbott.

COMMITTEE PERSONNEL

Committee members and area residents alike were saddened indeed when they learned of the passing of Ralph Wells on November 6, 1968. He was a faithful and dedicated public servant and we will all miss him. He served both as a Committeeman from Buckland and as Treasurer of the District.

At the reorganization meeting in April, Paul Lively was elected Chairman; John Williams, Vice-Chairman; Ralph Wells, Treasurer and Mrs. Janet Peters, Secretary. At this meeting the Committee voted a well deserved thank you to Clement Record for the many long and tedious hours he spent as Chairman of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District Committee.

On November 13, 1968, Clement Record was elected Treasurer of the District to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Ralph Wells.

Mr. Edmund F. Smith from Buckland is now serving on the Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Ralph Wells.

CONCLUSION

Man's venture to the moon this year was a tremendous example of team work in action. One could not help but notice the dependence one good communication for successful team work. The team that is comprised of all who are part of the nine town Mohawk District

has worked to improve communication in the past year and we must all work diligently at this task in the future as we strive toward the goal of providing the best education.

Members of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District Committee:

Ashfield
Clement H. Record, Treasurer
Roger B. Scott

Buckland
Ralph W. Wells (Deceased)
Bernard H. Shippee
Kendall G. Abbott
Edmund F. Smith (Appointed)

Charlemont
Doris Askew
Bert DuPree

Colrain
Edwin Slowinski
Herbert Purington
Russell Denison

Hawley
Hobart Raymond

Heath
Paul L. Lively, Chairman

Plainfield
Mildred Dostie

Rowe
John H. Williams, Vice-Chairman

Shelburne
H. Michael Smith
Guy Manners, Jr.
Harold T. Harris

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1968

	1968 Appropriations	1968 Expenditures	1969 Appropriations
ADMINISTRATION			
Legal Services	$ 400.00	$ 511.25	$ 1,500.00
Treasurer's & Secretary's Salaries	1,790.00	1,860.72	1,810.00
Contracted Services	1,040.00	2,800.85	1,040.00
Supplies & Materials	475.00	321.95	425.00
Other Expenses	907.49	1,337.65	696.00
Superintendent's Salary	13,767.00	15,278.81	14,750.00
Clerical Salaries	9,118.00	8,857.25	9,885.00
Supt. Office Supplies	605.36	850.73	600.00
Other Expenses	900.00	781.07	1,060.00
From Surplus (12/30)	3,597.43	.....	.....
	$ 32,600.28	$ 32,600.28	$ 31,766.00
INSTRUCTION			
Department Chairmen	$ 4,100.00	$ 3,998.80	$ 4,300.00
Supplies and Materials	513.50	409.40	525.00

Other Expenses	500.00	258.96	500.00
Administration Salaries	20,566.00	20,861.32	22,567.00
Clerical Salaries	12,188.00	12,068.50	13,318.00
Contracted Services	2,500.00	10,031.45	5,048.00
Supplies & Materials	1,256.87	1,151.27	1,246.00
Other Expenses	1,500.00	1,570.21	1,740.00
Teachers, Classroom	391,933.00	388,029.60	442,036.00
Teachers, Special Ed.	8,550.00	7,057.92	9,167.00
Contracted Services	.....	.....	270.00
Supplies & Materials	15,700.28	16,639.84	13,975.00
Supplies & Materials, Spec. Ed.	242.60	170.53	200.00
Other Expenses	1,450.00	955.53	1,546.00
Other Exp., Special Ed.	50.00	.....	50.00
Teachers Salaries, Voc. Eve.	.....	.....	1,400.00
Supplies, Vocational Evening	.....	.....	100.00
Teachers Salaries, Adult Evening	.....	.....	2,800.00
Supplies, Adult Evening	.....	.....	100.00
Textbooks, Classroom	15,842.84	14,365.16	8,392.00
Textbooks, Special Ed.	300.00	203.28	300.00
Librarian's Salary	5,870.00	6,099.98	7,166.00
Library Clerk Salary	3,170.00	2,402.84	2,452.00
Books, Magazines, Newspapers	11,648.97	12,292.61	10,000.00
Audio-Visual Supplies & Materials	1,594.00	2,172.70	2,166.00
Audio-Visual, Sup. & Mat., Spec. Ed.	.....	.....	50.00
Guidance Salaries	33,384.00	34,613.50	35,750.00
Guidance Clerk Salary	2,457.00	2,389.50	2,714.00
Contracted Services	.....	.....	60.00
Supplies & Materials	1,502.50	1,059.60	1,275.00

Other Expenses	600.00	233.66	500.00
Transferred from Surplus (12/30)	1,616.60	.....	.....
	$ 539,036.16	$ 539,036.16	$ 591,713.00
OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES			
Attendance Officer Salary	$ 75.00	$ 75.00	$ 75.00
Other Expenses	125.00	.....	125.00
Health Salaries	6,700.00	6,898.36	6,965.00
Contracted Services	.....	.....	25.00
Supplies and Materials	300.00	214.81	250.00
Other Expenses	50.00	32.00	50.00
Salaries, Leased Buses	1,500.00	3,133.01	3,000.00
Supplies & Materials	1,500.00	47.79	1,000.00
Maintenance, Leased Buses	500.00	601.14	500.00
Parent Arranged Transportation	200.00	101.80	200.00
Pupil Transportation Contract	83,740.00	79,762.20	82,941.00
Food Services Salary	5,328.00	5,261.52	5,467.00
Athletics	4,736.38	8,475.22	3,040.00
Other Activities	500.00	651.00	275.00
	$ 105,254.38	$ 105,253.85	$ 103,913.00
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT			
Custodians' Salaries	$ 42,000.00	$ 41,084.31	$ 42,928.00
Supplies & Materials	5,058.15	5,055.94	5,000.00
Heat, Superintendent's Office	326.84	280.39	300.00
Heat, School	22,700.00	23,602.09	25,000.00

Utility, Supt. Office	1,042.00	970.62	1,050.00
Utility, School	5,700.00	7,910.97	7,900.00
Contract, Grounds	3,315.00	1,253.78	1,000.00
Supplies & Mat., Grounds	506.40	545.57	500.00
Supplies & Materials, Building	200.00	504.60	200.00
Superintendent Office Equipment	250.00	52.70	250.00
School Equipment, Maintenance	4,500.00	1,801.74	1,970.00
	$ 85,598.39	$ 83,062.71	$ 86,098.00
FIXED CHARGES			
County Retirement	$ 5,000.00	$ 3,373.40	$ 5,000.00
Insurance, Supt. Office	72.00	26.00	72.00
Insurance, School	6,600.00	11,069.48	8,200.00
Rent, Supt. Office	1,080.00	1,080.00	1,080.00
Debt Services, Current Loan	900.00	.....	1,500.00
From Surplus (12/30)	1,896.88	.....	.....
	$ 15,548.88	$ 15,548.88	$ 15,852.00
COMMUNITY SERVICES			
Custodial Salaries	.....	.....	$ 125.00
Other Expenses	.....	.....	75.00
ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS			
Acquisition of New Equipment	$ 9,000.00	$ 228.00	$ 4,575.00
Replacement of Equipment	.....	.....	3,335.00

DEBT RETIREMENT & DEBT SERVICES			
Debt Retirement, Principal	$ 145,000.00	$ 145,000.00	$ 145,000.00
Debt Retirement, Interest	102,400.00	102,400.00	96,600.00
SUB-TOTAL	$ 1,034,438.09	$ 1,023,129.88	$ 1,079,052.00
VOCATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION			
Teachers Salaries, Vocational Eve.	$ 600.00	.....	.....
Supplies, Vocational Evening	100.00	.....	.....
Teachers Salaries, Adult Eve.	1,200.00	.....	.....
Supplies, Adult Evening	100.00	1,005.57	.....
Parent Arranged Trans., Voc.	15,921.20	15,954.80	14,608.00
Tuition, Day Vocational	22,632.77	21,847.36	9,433.00
Tuition, Evening Vocational	1,472.50	945.00	585.00
TOTAL VOCATIONAL BUDGET	$ 42,026.47	$ 39,752.73	$ 24,626.00
GRAND TOTALS	$ 1,076,464.56	$ 1,062,882.61	$ 1,103,678.00

APPORTIONMENT OF OPERATING EXPENSES AMONG THE MEMBER TOWNS

I Enrollment in Member Towns Based on October 1, 1968, Census for Grades Seven through Twelve

TOWNS	GRADES							TOTALS
	7	8	9	10	11	12	Sp. Cl.	
Ashfield	28	29	30	27	25	16	1	156
Buckland	44	38	37	33	33	32	3	220
Charlemont	14	16	12	12	10	10	1	75
Colrain	32	27	32	28	28	25	3	175
Hawley	7	8	4	3	6	2	2	32
Heath	6	10	12	5	7	6	1	47
Plainfield	6	7	4	4	3	5	0	29
Rowe	4	4	5	6	2	2	0	23
Shelburne	42	26	29	32	26	27	0	182
TOTALS	183	165	165	150	140	125	11	939

II Summary of Operational Costs

Series	Classification	Amount
1000	ADMINISTRATION	$ 31,766.00
2000	INSTRUCTION	591,713.00
3000	OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	103,913.00
4000	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	86,098.00
5000	FIXED CHARGES	15,852.00
6000	COMMUNITY SERVICES	200.00
7000	ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	7,910.00
		$837,452.00
	Less: Anticipated Receipts, Trans.	78,823.00
	Anticipated Receipts, Spec. Ed.	4,301.00
	To be Raised by Member Towns	$754,328.00

III Breakdown of Local Operational Costs

Town	Pupils	Percentage	Costs
Ashfield	156	16.61	$125,293.88
Buckland	220	23.43	176,739.05
Charlemont	75	7.99	60,270.81
Colrain	175	18.64	140,606.74
Hawley	32	3.41	25,722.58
Heath	47	5.00	37,716.40

Plainfield	29	3.09	23,308.74
Rowe	23	2.45	18,481.04
Shelburne	182	19.38	146,188.76
TOTALS	939	100.00	$754,328.00

IV Summary of Capital Costs — Debt Retirement and Services

Total Cost	$241,600.00	
Revenue to be applied	53,866.06	
Net Costs	$187,733.94	to be shared by Member Towns

Town	Percentage	Costs
Ashfield	11.9%	$ 22,340.34
Buckland	19.3	36,232.65
Charlemont	9.9	18,585.66
Colrain	16.3	30,600.63
Hawley	2.7	5,068.82
Heath	4.3	8,072.56
Plainfield	4.1	7,697.09
Rowe	11.5	21,589.40
Shelburne	20.0	37,546.79
TOTALS	100.0%	$187,733.94

V Vocational Education Budget

Transportation	
Parent Arranged Transportation, Voc.	$ 14,608.00
With Other Districts	
Tuition, Day Vocational	9,433.00
Tuition, Evening Vocational	585.00
Total Vocational Education	$ 24,626.00
Anticipated Receipts	12,313.00
To be appropriated by Member Towns	$ 12,313.00

Towns	Pupils (Oct. 1)	Percentage	Amount
Ashfield	To Be Handled by the Town Itself		
Buckland	5	$ 14.29	$ 1,759.53
Charlemont	5	14.29	1,759.53
Colrain	6	17.14	2,110.45
Hawley	3	8.57	1,055.22
Heath	None	.....	.....
Plainfield	5	14.29	1,759.53
Rowe	2	5.71	703.07
Shelburne	9	25.71	3,165.65
TOTALS	35	$100.00	$ 12,313.00

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

I hereby submit the annual report of the Superintendent of Schools for the Mohawk Trail Regional School District for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1968. This is the second year that the Mohawk Trail Regional High School has been operational. The construction of the school has been finished and consequently, we have been able to offer a full program this year.

Through the use of computer scheduling and profiting from our experiences of last year, we were able to effect a better program for each of our students so that their individual needs could be met with such things as flexible scheduling, large group activities, small group activities and unscheduled time.

It is our goal at Mohawk Trail Regional to present a curriculum that will enlighten and challenge students at each ability level and in each area of study through the use of carefully selected media and the application of the most effective instructional methods.

DR. BENEDICT L. MARGARONE

Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1969

FIRST WINTER TERM

Opens — Thursday, January 2, 1969
Closes — Friday, February 14, 1969

SECOND WINTER TERM

Opens — Monday, February 24, 1969
Closes — Friday, April 18, 1969

SPRING TERM

Opens — Monday, April 28, 1969
Closes — Friday, June 20, 1969

FALL TERM (tentative)

Opens — Wednesday, September 3, 1969
Closes — Friday, December 19, 1969

REPORT OF THE BUCKLAND - COLRAIN - SHELBURNE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Town of Buckland	
Shippee, Bernard H. (Chairman)	1969
Smith, Edmund F.	1970
Shippee, Edmond D., Jr.	1971
Town of Colrain	
Hollister, John G. (Vice-Chairman)	1969
Purington, Herbert G. (Secretary)	1970
Gray, Clinton E.	1971
Town of Shelburne	
Harris, Harold T.	1969
Schultz, John H.	1970
Smith, H. Michael	1971

Frederic P. Gray, Treasurer - but not a member of the committee

REPORT OF ACTING SUPERINTENDENT

Industry, insurance, real estate, engineering, medicine — and finally education — have fully recognized the need for accreditation or licensing. In your schools today, where over seventy-five percent of your tax dollar is spent, every professional, the superintendent, principals, supervisors, counselors and classroom teachers, K-12, has to meet specific educational and training requirements. And yet the school committees, the people who rule and, today, too many times overrule, can be elected to their posts without even possessing an elementary school education. The mastery of community structure, basic modern economics, and the psychological and educational needs of children is in no way required. Any school committeeman may impose any outmoded brand of ignorance or prejudice upon the administration and ultimately upon the ideas presented to your children.

Since no standard is prescribed by law it is necessary that you, the voting public, must see that quality people are selected and elected: people whose values and viewpoints are conducive to carrying out programs that will prepare your children to live and work in the space age, not the horse and buggy age. After you have elected these citizens, watch how the money of your towns is being spent. Observe the letting of contracts, particularly when board members are earning money from the school district they represent. Protect your right to be informed of actions taken that too often are hidden in the so-called "executive sessions". Search the philosophies of your school committeemen. We have on our regional school boards men and women who are openly hostile to the very concept of regional school districts. It is no wonder this area has had so many problems with its school administrators and the State Department of Education.

Lastly and most important is: assist and openly support those school committeemen who are trying to do their collective best to provide your children with an education that will prepare them to survive in the challenging years beyond the year 2000.

COSMO J. SANSONE,
Acting Superintendent of Schools

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE
BUCKLAND - COLRAIN - SHELBURNE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1968

School Department Year Ended June 30, 1968

	1968 Appropriations	1968 Expenditures	1969 Appropriations
ADMINISTRATION			
Legal Services	$ 400.00	$ 1,878.70	$ 800.00
Treasurer's Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Secretary Sch. Comm. Salary	150.00	110.00	150.00
Treasurer's Supplies	200.00	221.88	100.00
Secretary & Sch. Comm. Supplies	100.00	51.42	100.00
Treasurer's Bond	80.00	150.00	175.00
School Committee Other Expenses	120.00	211.41	200.00
Bank Payroll Services (Eff. Oct. '68)	.....	151.35	1,200.00
Superintendent's Salary	12,750.00	2,250.00	7,000.00
Superintendent's Clerical Salary	4,408.00	3,700.25	4,780.00
Census	300.00	505.75	250.00
Superintendent's Office Supplies	500.00	622.03	500.00
Supt's. Travel, In & Out of State	600.00	438.05	750.00
Total Administration	$ 20,808.00	$ 11,490.84	$ 17,205.00

INSTRUCTION

Supervisors' Salaries	$ 24,272.00	$ 24,957.78	$ 32,798.00
Supervisors' Other Expenses	200.00	288.05	200.00
Principal's Salary	12,186.00	10,730.80	12,000.00
Head Teacher Differential	1,500.00	1,471.78	1,612.00
Principal's Clerical Salary	3,688.00	3,428.22	4,312.00
Principal's Office Supplies	600.00	156.20	300.00
Prin. Office Other Expenses	300.00	325.25	400.00
Teachers' Salaries	186,368.00	184,647.21	196,898.00
Special Class Teacher's Salary	7,904.00	7,942.32	8,540.00
Home Teaching	300.00	305.00	300.00
Substitutes	2,700.00	3,427.00	2,500.00
Teaching Supplies	11,100.00	11,305.70	10,800.00
Teaching Supplies, Spec. Class	150.00	103.72	175.00
Teachers' Other Expenses	150.00	54.00	150.00
Spec. Class Teacher's Other Exp.	25.00	2.50	25.00
Textbooks	4,440.00	4,226.56	5,760.00
Textbooks, Special Class	60.00	.....	56.00
Library	550.00	513.52	550.00
Audio-visual Supplies & Materials	400.00	155.74	400.00
Guidance Supplies & Materials	370.00	363.54	300.00
Psychological Testing Fees	90.00	330.00	150.00
Psychological Tests	25.00	.....	40.00
Total Instruction	$257,378.00	$254,734.89	$278,266.00

OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Attendance Officer's Salary	$ 75.00	$ 75.00	$ 75.00
Attendance Officer, Other Expenses	100.00	.....	100.00
Doctors' Salaries	500.00	500.00	500.00
Nurse's Salary	4,584.00	4,584.56	5,056.00
Health Supplies	150.00	83.78	150.00
Health, Other Expenses - Travel, etc.	100.00	117.93	100.00
Nurse's Clerical	.....	23.93	..... .
Nurse's Substitute	.....	30.00	.....
Bus Driver, Regular	1,739.00	870.56	.....
Bus Driver, Field Trips	200.00	106.79	372.00
Operation of Bus, Supplies & Materials	500.00	246.40	400.00
School Bus Repairs	200.00	339.57	400.00
Parent Transportation	63.00	.....	500.00
Contract Transportation	54,428.00	57,679.53	60,390.00
Contract Transportation, Special Class	2,160.00	1,731.00	1,260.00
Lunch Manager's Salary	5,385.00	5,384.56	5,862.00
Total Other School Services	$ 70,184.00	$ 71,773.61	$ 75,165.00

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Custodial Salaries	$ 24,997.00	$ 26,422.46	$ 26,972.00
Custodial Supplies & Materials	3,700.00	4,008.25	4,000.00
Fuel, School Buildings	7820.00	6,754.71	8,202.00
Utilities, Supt's. Office	300.00	413.54	300.00
Utilities, School Buildings	7,015.00	7,709.35	6,910.00

Maintenance of Grounds, Salaries	600.00	685.38	600.00
Maintenance of Grounds, Contract	1,488.00	1,698.65	600.00
Maintenance of Grounds, Supplies	826.00	720.80	650.00
Maintenance of Buildings, Contracts	7,162.00	5,522.85	10,105.00
Maintenance of Buildings, Supplies	270.00	521.76	200.00
Maintenance of Equipment, Administration	200.00	179.44	200.00
Maintenance of Equipment, Schools	650.00	947.42	650.00
Maintenance of Equipment, Custodial	300.00	397.18	400.00
Total Operation & Maintenance	$ 55,328.00	$ 55,981.79	$ 59,789.00
FIXED CHARGES			
Franklin County Retirement	$ 2,500.00	$ 4,776.20	$ 5,000.00
Insurance Programs	6,822.00	6,464.04	5,954.00
Total Fixed Charges	$ 9,322.00	$ 11,240.24	$ 10,954.00
ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS			
New Equipment, Building	$ 800.00	$ 3,936.66	$ 1,739.00
New Equipment, Custodial	950.00	1,390.70	225.00
New Equipment, Teaching	300.00	328.00	3,428.00
Repair of Teaching Equipment	200.00	293.75	.....
Total Acquisition of Fixed Assets	$ 2,250.00	$ 5,949.11	$ 5,392.00
DEBT RETIREMENT & DEBT SERVICES			
Debt Retirement, Old	$ 35,000.00	$ 35,000.00	$ 35,000.00

Debt Retirement, New	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Debt Service, Old	11,062.50	11,100.00	9,805.00
Debt Service, New	4,100.00	4,062.50	3,738.00
Total Debt Retirement & Serivce	$ 60,162.50	$ 60,162.50	$ 58,543.00
PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS			
Tuition, Elementary	$ 500.00	$ 542.19	$ 700.00
Tuition, Handicapped & Retarded, Deaf & Speech Problems	400.00	443.97	4,500.00
Total Programs With Other Districts	$ 900.00	$ 986.16	$ 5,200.00
GRAND TOTAL	$476,332.50	$472,319.14	$510,514.00
Operational Revenue from Surplus & State Reimbursement	45,332.50	41,319.14	77,605.00
NET LOCAL COSTS	$431,000.00	$431,000.00	$432,909.00

Federal Funds -	Title I Projects	Total Appropriations Approved	1968 Receipts	1968 Expenditures
#7-047-144	1966-67	$ 19,838.64	-0-	$ 2,337.70*
#8-630-171	1967-68	13,300.00	6,784.00	8,850.28
#8-630-333	1968 Summer Program	8,504.00	5,426.00	8,763.77
#9-630-118	1968-69	15,610.00	5,203.00	5,331.93

* Returned to Commonwealth of Mass. August 30, 1968

BUCKLAND - COLRAIN - SHELBURNE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year 1968

Cash Balance 1/1/68			$ 78,206.23
Receipts 1968:			
1968 Assessments:			
Town of Buckland	$164,488.00		
Town of Shelburne	168,260.00		
Town of Colrain	98,252.00		
		$431,000.00	
School Rentals		1,210.98	
Employers Compensation		59.04	
Mohawk Trail Regional (refund Mainco Invoice)		70.61	
Refund, Scott Foresman & Co.		139.73	
Refund Scholastic mag. payment		23.85	
Sale piano casters		14.00	
Insurance premium refund		779.00	
Mary Gribbin, Tuition		200.00	
Insurance claim (Colrain school vandalism)		135.00	
Reimbursement from Title I funds for expenses		826.44	
Town of Shelburne reimbursement for custodial services		70.50	
Mrs. Whipple, refund Title I funds		136.00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:			
School Construction	$ 14,589.46		
Transportation	54,252.00		
Tuition State Wards	1,557.49		
Tutoring	56.00		
Project 9-630-118	5,203.00		
Project 8-630-333	5,426.00		
Project 8-630-171	6,784.00		
		$ 87,867.95	
School Lunch Program:			
Cafeteria Receipts	$ 26,469.20		
USDA Claims	10,797.90		
Misc. meals	26.15		
		$ 37,293.25	
			$559,826.35
			$638,032.58

Payments 1968:			
Administration	$ 11,490.84		
Instruction	254,734.89		
Other School Services	71,773.61		
Oper. & Mntnce. of Plant	55,981.79		
Fixed Charges	11,240.24		
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	5,949.11		
Debt Retirement & Debt Services	60,162.50		
Programs with other Districts	986.16		
		$472,319.14	
School Lunch Program		42,284.15	
Title I Project 7-047-144	$ 2,337.70		
Title I Project 9-630-118	5,331.93		
Title I Project 8-630-333	8,763.77		
Titl I Project 8-630-171	8,850.28		
		$ 25,283.68	
			$539,886.97
Cash Balance 12/31/68			$ 98,145.61

BUCKLAND - COLRAIN - SHELBURNE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUMMARY OF BUDGET FOR 1969

I. OPERATING BUDGET		Proposed 1969
1000	ADMINISTRATION	$ 17,205.00
2000	INSTRUCTION	278,266.00
3000	OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	75,165.00
4000	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	59,789.00
5000	FIXED CHARGES	10954.00
7000	ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	5,392.00
9000	PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS	5,200.00
	TOTAL PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET	$451,971.00
	Take from Surplus	61,540.00
		$390,431.00

Local Contribution:	Based on Oct. Enrollment		
Buckland	281/701	(40.086%)	$156,508.00
Colrain	187/701	(26.676%)	104,151.00
Shelburne	233/701	(33.238%)	129,772.00

II. CAPITAL BUDGET

8000	DEBT RETIREMENT AND SERVICE	$ 58,543.00
	State Reimbursement	16,065.00
	CAPITAL COSTS	$ 42,478.00

TOTAL LOCAL CONTRIBUTION:

Buckland	50%	$ 21,239.00
Shelburne	50%	21,239.00

TOTAL LOCAL COSTS

Buckland:	Operating	$156,508.00	
	Debt Ret. & Serv.	21,239.00	
			$177,747.00
Colrain:	Operating		$104,151.00
Shelburne:	Operating	$129,772.00	
	Debt. Ret. & Serv.	21,239.00	
			$151,011.00
TOTAL OPERATING & CAPITAL FOR BUCKLAND, COLRAIN & SHELBURNE			$432,909.00

Enrollment of children being educated at Buckland - Colrain - Shelburne Regional School District's expense, based on October 1, 1968 census.

	Grades								Totals
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Sp. Ed.	
Buckland	39	33	44	35	43	48	34	5	281
Colrain	31	24	20	21	30	29	29	3	187
Shelburne	24	33	37	32	34	33	39	1	233
	94	90	101	88	107	109	102	9	701

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN'S REPORT

During the school year of 1968 students in the Colrain Public School were given physical examinations in accordance with the laws of this Commonwealth.

These examinations were done by me and with the assistance of the school nurse, Mrs. Velma Miles. Measures were taken also at this time to maintain the current degree of immunity existing in our children by the administration of booster injections.

It is my pleasure to once again note that the overall picture of health and nutrition of our school children is most gratifying.

Sincerely,

JOHN H. OLSON, M.D.,
School Physician

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